

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Atlanta

DATE: March 22, 1955

FROM: Director, FBI (105-34237)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS  
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At the suggestion of the Department, the New Orleans and Memphis Offices are conducting an investigation of the "Association of Citizens Councils (of Mississippi)" for consideration by the Department pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The Mobile Office is also conducting an investigation on the Citizens Councils of Alabama.

The first Citizens Council was organized July 11, 1954, at Indianola, Mississippi, and as of February, 1955, councils were formed in twenty-five counties of Mississippi with a total membership of approximately 30,000. The Citizens Councils of Alabama pattern after the councils organized in Mississippi and were first formed in Selma, Alabama, in October, 1954.

The Citizens Councils disclaim affiliation with or similarity to the Ku Klux Klan. The stated objectives include discouraging Negroes from voting and maintaining segregation in public schools. These objectives are being carried out by economic pressure brought to bear on Negroes seeking to vote or who are in favor of integration in schools. The councils claim no violence will be used and only legal means employed.

All offices receiving copies of this letter are instructed to be alert for the formation of Citizens Councils in the territory covered by your offices. Upon the receipt of such information you should advise the Bureau immediately by letter setting forth all pertinent data concerning the organization and the offices thereof. No investigation should be conducted without prior Bureau authority.

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Soviet citizens are to be placed into effect immediately. They were also advised that despite the exemptions set forth in the note to the Soviet Ambassador, source material of any type (such as Coast Pilots and Tide Tables) which supplement navigational and hydrographic maps and charts will not be made available for procurement by Soviet citizens in the United States.

(N) CITIZENS COUNCILS AND STATES' RIGHTS MOVEMENTS - INTERNAL SECURITY  
X -- Since Supreme Court decision of May 17, 1954, re integration of Negroes and whites in public schools, autonomous organizations under various names have been formed in ten states for the ostensible purpose of maintaining segregation. These organizations are for the most part made up of prominent citizens who are opposed to any use of force and violence. These groups disclaim affiliation with or similarity to the Ku Klux Klan and avowedly intend to achieve their objective by exerting economic pressure on members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Negro voters and integrationists.

Bureau policy is that we do not investigate groups that advocate and employ legal means to achieve their objective; however, where advisable the field is authorized to investigate organizations established for purpose of combatting or advocating affirmative action against racial minorities or seeking to deprive individuals of their rights under the Constitution.

Upon receipt of information concerning formation of such an organization in your territory you should advise the Bureau immediately by letter setting forth pertinent data relative to the organization and individuals connected therewith. No investigation should be conducted without prior Bureau authority.

The Department has advised that conspiracy to injure or intimidate Negro citizens in their rights to vote by threats of personal injury, application of economic pressure or otherwise, would seem to be violative of the provisions of Title 18, U.S.C. 241. At such time as integration is made mandatory under the Supreme Court decision of May 31, 1955, or prior thereto, these organizations or individual members may take extralegal action possibly resulting in civil rights violations. I am vitally concerned with this possibility and desire that we have complete data relative to these organizations and their members prior to any incidents which may take place. You will be held personally responsible to furnish the

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Bureau promptly data relative to the formation of these organizations and thereafter to take necessary action to keep the Bureau apprised on a continuing basis of all pertinent developments.

In view of the nature of these groups, your inquiries should be handled most discreetly in order to avoid any embarrassment to the Bureau. Whenever possible inquiries should be directed to established reliable sources only.

For your information reports submitted on these organizations will be furnished the Department for consideration under Executive Order 10450 whereby the Attorney General may designate any organization which has "adopted a policy of advocating or approving the commission of acts of force and violence to deny others their rights under the Constitution of the United States."

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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Director, FBI (105-34237)

September 2, 1955

SAC, Savannah (105-155)

CITIZENS COUNCILS - 105-241  
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ReBuLet to Atlanta, 3/22/55, copies to other offices listed  
herein.

Citizens Councils have now been organized in the following  
places in South Carolina:

Bowman  
Edisto  
Ellorco  
Eutawville  
Holly Hill  
Kingstree

Lake City  
North  
Orangeburg  
Providencia  
Vance

Similar groups are in the process of being organized at  
Eamberg, Manning, and Summerton, S. C.

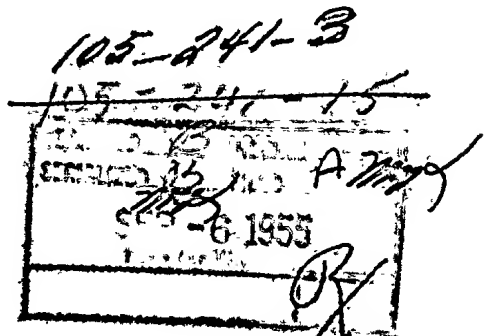
A meeting of the Citizens Council at Orangeburg, S. C., on  
Monday evening, August 29, 1955, drew a crowd of more than 3500,  
according to an article in The Times and Democrat, daily newspaper  
at Orangeburg, S. C., in its issue of 8/31/55. The article stated  
speakers included State Senator MARSHALL WILLIAMS, former U. S.  
Representative HUGO S. SIMS, and former State Senator T. D.  
DRAVANT, Jr., now chairman of the South Carolina State Probation,  
Pardon and Parole Board.

Press reports concerning these organizations, which reports  
are the basis of all information set forth above, have not  
indicated whether these local groups are connected with a state  
organization.

No investigation UACB.

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(1) Birmingham (1) Miami  
(1) Charlotte (1) Mobile  
(1) Little Rock (1) New Orleans  
(1) Knoxville (1) Norfolk  
(1) Louisville





## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237)

DATE: September 15, 1955

FROM : SAC, Savannah (105-155)

SUBJECT:

CITIZENS COUNCILS  
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ReBulet to Atlanta, 3/22/55, and mylet to Bureau 9/2/55,  
both with copies for other offices listed below, and SAC  
Letter 55-40, dated 6/21/55, Paragraph N.

My letter of 9/2/55 listed 11 places in South Carolina where  
local Citizens Councils had been organized. These Councils  
are mushrooming in lower South Carolina, particularly where  
the number of Negro inhabitants exceeds the white population.  
Overflow crowds are attending the meetings, the meetings are  
being widely publicized, and speakers and officers are for  
the most part men prominent in business life, the professions,  
and politics. Ministers of various denominations and mayors  
of some of the towns are participating in the programs.  
Members are being solicited through public advertising for  
a membership fee of \$2.00 each. Employees of at least one  
municipal government (Orangeburg) have had their affiliation  
publicly sanctioned by the Mayor and City Council.

Lieutenant Governor ERNEST F. HOLLINGS of South Carolina has  
accepted an invitation to attend the permanent organizational  
meeting of the Citizens Council of Charleston, S.C., on  
9/27/55. That particular council has succeeded the Charleston  
County States Rights League. The Governor of South Carolina  
has been invited to this meeting.

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Birmingham (Info.)  
Charlotte (Info.)  
Knoxville (Info.)  
Little Rock (Info.)  
Louisville (Info.)  
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Miami (Info.)  
Mobile (Info.)  
New Orleans (Info.)  
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Re: CITIZENS COUNCILS  
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The office of Senator OLIN D. JOHNSTON of South Carolina has stated the Senator "expressed his absolute agreement with the principles of the various Citizens Councils that are being organized throughout South Carolina."

Citizens Councils have now been organized at the following additional places in South Carolina:

Bamburg  
Branchville  
Charleston  
Cope  
Cordova  
Greeleyville  
Manning  
Norway  
Olanta  
Springfield  
Winnsboro

Publications of the Association of Citizens Councils, Winona, Mississippi, are being distributed at some or possibly all of the organizational meetings.

At least one of the councils, that at Orangeburg, has obtained a State Charter of incorporation. This group is incorporated in perpetuity as a non-profit group whose purposes are set forth in the charter:

"To maintain good relations among the members of all races residing in School District #5, City of Orangeburg, Orangeburg County.

"To oppose the use of force by radicals and reactionaries who attempt to disrupt the peace and good relations among the races of this area.

"To make every legal and moral effort to save the segregated public schools.

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"To study ways and means for providing an adequate education for children in School District #5 if radicals and agitators force the abandonment of the public schools.

"To acquaint well-meaning, but misled, public officials from outside South Carolina with the local conditions and attitudes which make integration impossible in said school district.

"To acquaint officials with the fact that the vast majority of the citizens of said school district, both white and colored, favor continuing segregation in the public schools."

Purposes of various councils have been set forth more informally in various press reports, which reports are the basis of all information contained herein. For example, the Orangeburg Council upon initial organization declared, among other things, it would "combat all efforts of the NAACP with every means at its command but without the use of violence."

A moving factor and frequent speaker at the various meetings has been S. E. ROGERS, an Attorney of Summerton, S. C., who represented Clarendon County in the school segregation litigation resulting in the Supreme Court decision of May 17, 1954. Mr. ROGERS was quoted in the Morning News of Florence, S.C., on 5/30/55, as saying before a meeting at Lake City "that he is practicing economic discrimination against signers of petitions sponsored by the NAACP."

An article in the Columbia Record, Columbia, S. C., of 9/7/55 quoted Mr. ROGERS as saying, "I don't condone economic pressures or anything like that. I would like to see an equitable solution that would be for the good of both races involved."

On 7/30/55 a petition prepared by the NAACP was presented to the Board of Trustees of District #5 (Orangeburg) asking that "immediate, concrete steps be taken to reorganize the public schools on a non-discriminatory basis." This petition bore the signatures of 57 individuals who said they were parents of school age children. As of 9/10/55, the number of signatures on this

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petition had been reduced to 34 because of the number of requests by original signers that their names be stricken from the petition.

A similar petition filed with the Elore School District containing 38 signatures has been reduced by at least 14. Twenty-five of 126 signers of two petitions in Sumter County had withdrawn their signatures as of 9/1/55. One of the individuals who withdrew his signature pointed out he was a college graduate and that the petition he signed was not the petition which was presented to the school board in District 17.

The NAACP, also according to press reports, is quietly negotiating with officials of major firms to take action against southern employers and franchise holder who apply economic pressures to NAACP members.

CLARENCE MITCHELL, Director of the Washington Bureau of the NAACP, has been quoted as saying, "We are trying to put out the fire and if we can do it by building a bigger fire, that's what we'll do."

Another Washington representative of the NAACP has indicated that organization intends to appeal to the courts.

No investigation being undertaken on the basis of this newly developed information UACB.

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(E) CITIZENS COUNCILS AND STATES' RIGHTS MOVEMENTS - INTERNAL  
SECURITY - X -- Re SAC Letters 54-67(C) and 35-40(N).

Bureau inquiries concerning citizens councils and similar organizations engaged in pro-segregation activities have as their purpose: (1) to ascertain the influence in the organizations of Ku Klux Klan members and other advocates of illegal repressive tactics against minorities, (2) to determine whether their programs and activities bring groups within the purview of Executive Order 10450, and (3) to develop data indicating groups' potential for violence.

Conduct these inquiries strictly in accordance with the policy outlined below:

1. Advise Bureau promptly of formation of organizations; furnish on a continuing basis any additional pertinent data received.

2. Conduct no overt inquiry in absence of specific Bureau instructions.

3. Confine inquiries ordered by Bureau to contacts with established reliable sources who have been advised of our objectives and clearly understand the Bureau is not interested in nor inquiring concerning legitimate activities of responsible citizens groups.

4. The term "established sources" means public records, informants, confidential sources, panel sources, sources of information or citizens who in time-proved dealings have been found discreet, reliable and are in a position to furnish or obtain pertinent information.

5. Convert inquiries to full-scale investigations under 87D, Manual of Instructions, only on specific Bureau instructions.

Subject to the limitations of available coverage, reports, should reflect the founding, principles, aims and purposes, methods employed or advocated, identity of the officers and persons who are controlling figures within the organizations and describe any reported activities of interest engaged in by the organizations or their members.

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These instructions supercede all previous instructions concerning these cases and must be adhered to strictly. Promptly instruct all Agents of the Bureau's desires in this matter.

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(F) OPERATION CRACKER JACK - U. S. AIR FORCE -- The Office of Special Investigations (OSI) has advised that the above exercise is a simulated air strike against Greenland, Alaska, Canada, and the United States, which will take place between December 1, 1955, and February 15, 1956. Units of the Strategic Air Command will make up the strike force, while the Continental Air Defense Command, the Alaskan Air Command and the Royal Canadian Air Force will participate as defenders in their respective areas of responsibility.

OSI has advised that there will be a news release advising that such an exercise will be held during the winter, but that the exact date and time for the planned strike is classified Top Secret. It is of vital importance that the exact magnitude and time of the strike be afforded maximum security. All OSI district offices have been instructed to contact the local field offices of the FBI advising them of the proposed exercise and soliciting cooperation in the prompt reporting of any pertinent information. All offices should be alert for any information concerning the above exercise indicating unauthorized disclosure or compromise. Pertinent information should be promptly furnished to the Bureau and to the OSI locally.

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(G) DOCUMENTATION - JOHN CARTER VINCENT -- SAC Letter 55-44 (P) set forth a brief summary of Supreme Court decision in case of John Punnett Peters. SAC Letter 55-56 (E) contained instructions regarding documentation of Peters and John Stewart Service. Vincent, former State Department employee, investigated under Executive Order 9835. After favorable decision by employing agency, Loyalty Review Board by memorandum dated July 3, 1953, advised Vincent "retired after adverse decision on loyalty by Loyalty Review Board." Civil Service Commission considers this case analogous to John Punnett Peters v. Hobby where Supreme Court ordered Civil

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RE: CITIZENS COUNCILS AND  
STATES' RIGHTS MOVEMENTS -  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

The Bureau has seen fit to restate the purposes of Bureau inquiries relative to citizens councils and similar organizations purportedly engaged in pro-segregation activities, as follows:

1. To ascertain the influence in the organizations of Ku Klux Klan members and other advocates of illegal repressive tactics against minorities.
2. To determine whether their programs and activities bring groups within the purview of Executive Order 10450.
3. To develop data indicating groups' potential for violence.

The Bureau instructed that inquiries be conducted strictly in accordance with the policies mentioned as follows:

The Bureau is to be promptly advised of the formation of any such organizations, and the Bureau is to be kept currently advised, on a continuing basis, of any additional pertinent data developed.

Unless Bureau specifically so instructs, no overt inquiry is to be conducted.

Such inquiries as are ordered by the Bureau should be limited to contacts with established reliable sources, who have been advised of our objectives and who understand clearly that the Bureau is not interested in nor inquiring concerning legitimate activities of responsible citizens groups.

The Bureau further pointed out that the term "established sources" means public records, informants, confidential sources, panel sources, sources of information, or citizens with whom we have had dealings in the past and who have been found to be reliable, discreet and in position to make available pertinent data.

Inquiries are to be converted to full scale investigations as provided in Section 87-D, Manual of Instructions only when specific instructions so to do are given by the Bureau.

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MEMO ALL AGENTS

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The Bureau further instructed that reports should cover the founding, principles, aims, and purposes, methods employed or advocated, identity of the officers and persons who are controlling figures within the organizations, as well as any report of activities of interest in which the organizations or members thereof are engaged. The Bureau observed with respect to the content of reports that such was, of course, subject to the limitations of available coverage.

These instructions must be adhered to strictly and supercede all previous instructions issued concerning these matters.

D. W. FULTS,  
SAC



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Atlanta

DATE: October 28, 1955

FROM : *JAN* Director, FBI (105-34237)SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS AND  
STATES' RIGHTS MOVEMENTS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X*Council of**Citizens Councils 105-241\***105-248\**

*Smaller message*

Information received at the Bureau relative to citizens councils which have been formed for the purpose of perpetuating segregation indicates racial tension is mounting in connection with this situation. In one state two Negro organizations have been formed for the purpose of combating the activities of the citizens councils. It is not unlikely that similar organizations will be formed in other states.

Each office receiving copies of this letter is instructed to furnish the Bureau no later than November 14, 1955, a succinct summary of the racial situation in the territory covered by that office. This summary should include detailed information regarding incidents which have arisen in connection with the problem of segregation; the names of any organizations formed for the purpose of perpetuating or dissolving segregation; information concerning the potential for violence of groups formed; outside influence being asserted on pro-segregation and anti-segregation organizations, such as by the Communist Party, and any additional information which will give the Bureau a complete picture of the racial situation as it now exists in relation to the segregation question.

Thereafter, the Bureau should be furnished promptly any pertinent information received relative to racial tension in connection with the citizens councils or their opposites.

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2cc - Birmingham  
2cc - Charlotte  
2cc - Dallas  
2cc - Houston  
2cc - Kansas City  
2cc - Knoxville  
2cc - Little Rock

2cc - Memphis  
2cc - Miami  
2cc - Mobile  
2cc - New Orleans  
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Letter to SAC, Atlanta:

When information is received concerning the formation of a Negro organization in opposition to citizens councils, you should advise the Bureau promptly and conduct no investigation or inquiry. Your communication should include information available in your office concerning the formation of the organization, its aims and purposes, the methods used or advocated to achieve its objectives, and data concerning the officials thereof.

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TO : SAC, Atlanta

FROM : *Jed* Director, FBI (105-34237)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS AND  
STATES' RIGHTS MOVEMENT  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

DATE: November 1, 1955

Each office receiving copies of this letter is conducting inquiries concerning prosegregation organizations which have been formed in opposition to integration of Negroes and whites in public schools. The reports being submitted concerning these groups are furnished the Department for its consideration in connection with the provisions of Executive Order 10450.

The Department has advised that "In connection with designation under Executive Order No. 10450, it would be necessary to show that such an organization adopted a policy of advocating or approving the commission of acts of force or violence to deny others their rights under the Constitution. While the Executive Order refers only to organizational policy, the acts of individual members thereof might reflect such policy. It is requested therefore that you bring to our attention, insofar as may be practical, all acts of force or violence committed by individuals who are members of such captioned organizations."

In accordance with the above request of the Department, each office receiving copies of this letter is instructed to promptly furnish the Bureau any pertinent information received relative to acts of force or violence to deny others their rights under the Constitution which are committed by individuals who are members of or connected with any of these prosegregation organizations.

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Charlotte  
Dallas  
Houston  
Kansas City  
Knoxville  
Little Rock

2cc - Louisville  
Memphis  
Miami  
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Letter to SAC, Atlanta:

If acts of force or violence committed by individuals can be connected with orders or programs of these organizations those acts should be included in reports submitted on the organizations. Otherwise information concerning the acts of force or violence should be submitted to the Bureau by letter under the caption of the organization with which the individual who committed the act is affiliated.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Atlanta

DATE: November 3, 1955

FROM : *JWH* Director, FBI (105-34237)SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS AND  
STATES' RIGHTS MOVEMENTS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X *105-241\**

Each of the offices receiving copies of this letter is conducting inquiries relative to organizations formed for the purpose of maintaining segregation. As you were advised previously, copies of all reports prepared in connection with these organizations should be disseminated to local intelligence agencies.

In the future, copies of the initial report prepared on each organization should be disseminated by letter to local intelligence agencies, which letter should contain the following statements:

This report being furnished you does not reflect the results of a full investigation of this organization but only information obtained through limited inquiries being made to ascertain the influence, if any, in this organization of Ku Klux Klan members or others who advocate repressive tactics against minorities; to determine whether its programs and activities bring it within purview of Executive Order 10450; and to develop data regarding this group's potential for violence.

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Letter to SAC, Atlanta

In the event an investigation of this organization is initiated as a result of data obtained through inquiries being conducted, you will be furnished the results of the investigation and at that time informed that an investigation rather than an inquiry is being conducted.

The information being furnished you concerning this organization is for your confidential use and should not be disseminated outside your agency.

In the event copies of reports on organizations active within the territory covered by your office have been disseminated previously to local intelligence agencies, you are instructed to immediately direct letters to the agencies to which copies were disseminated making reference to the reports previously furnished. These letters should contain the above statements.

Director, FBI (105-34237)

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SAC, Birmingham (105-241)

CITIZENS COUNCILS AND STATES' RIGHTS MOVEMENTS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X.

ReBulet to Atlanta, 10-28-55.

Up to the present time no incidents have arisen in this division which can be directly connected with the problem of segregation.

The American States Rights Association was organized at Birmingham, Ala. on 2-18-54. 269 Alabama citizens signed Articles of Incorporation, which states that the purpose is "to promote and defend the basic principles of states rights and develop economic, social and civic programs for the betterment of the several states." Although the articles of incorporation make no mention of segregation specifically yet the actual activity of this group such as distributing literature and radio broadcasts advocates the retention of a segregated society. This group has held no public meetings since its inception, as far as can be ascertained, and there is no reason to believe this organization plans on using violence to perpetuate segregation.

The Ku Klux Klan organization is functioning in this area in a small way. There is a small Klavern at Tarrant City, which is an incorporated community adjoining Birmingham. About ten members meet weekly. No acts of violence have been committed as far as is known. E. L. EDWARDS, Imperial Wizard of this organization, with headquarters at Atlanta, Ga. has repeatedly stated opposition to violence.

Information has been received that a White Citizens Council has been organized at Tarrant City, Ala. within the past week. Also at Anniston, Ala. since November 1, 1955, attempts have been made to organize a White Citizens Council. These matters will be followed at Anniston and Tarrant City.

The Alabama Council of Human Relations, a new organization affiliated with the Southern Regional Council, an organization which has been in existence for many years, has been meeting for several weeks in Birmingham. The purpose of ACHR is to dissolve segregation. The only indication of Communist Party interest in this group is that

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[redacted] an active member of the Communist Party in BH,  
is taking a rather active interest in this organization.

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No information has been received concerning the  
organization of a Negro group formed in opposition to citizens  
councils.





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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Memphis

DATE: December 6, 1955

FROM : Director, FBI (105-34237)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS AND STATES' - 105 - 241  
RIGHTS MOVEMENTS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Information has been received which indicates the Department is actively considering designating the Association of Citizens Councils of Mississippi pursuant to Executive Order 10450. As you were advised previously, copies of all reports on prosegregation organizations are furnished the Department for consideration in connection with this Executive Order and the possibility exists that a number of these groups may be designated in the future.

Therefore, it is the responsibility of this Bureau to obtain not only data of an intelligence nature but evidence which may be used at future hearings.

The offices conducting inquiries or investigations of groups advocating the maintenance of segregation are instructed to make arrangements to secure on a regular basis all literature being published by each organization. As an aid in this matter, you are referred to SAC Letter 54-74. An original and one copy of the literature received should be furnished the Bureau by routing slip marked "Attention: Central Research Section." A copy should be retained in the field office file.

Arrangements should be made to have panels of informants and other sources attend meetings of these groups for purpose of obtaining information concerning the aims and objectives thereof and the methods used or advocated to obtain these objectives. Any literature distributed at these meetings should be retained by your office for future use. You should not exceed the limitations placed on the field in connection with conducting inquiries relative to these organizations as set out in SAC Letter 55-60 without prior Bureau approval. Two Photostats of pertinent material obtained should be furnished Bureau.

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Letter to SAC, Memphis

Your efforts should be directed toward obtaining information which indicates or reveals the organization has adopted a policy of advocating or approving the commission of acts of force or violence to deny others their rights under the Constitution.

While the Executive Order refers only to organizational policy, the acts of individual members of these organizations may reflect such policy. You are referred to Bureau letter to Atlanta dated November 1, 1955, copies of which were furnished all offices receiving this letter, as to how information concerning acts of individuals should be reported.

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Baltimore X  
Birmingham X  
Charlotte X  
Dallas X  
Houston X  
Kansas City X  
Knoxville X  
Little Rock X

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Mobile X  
New Orleans X  
Norfolk X  
Pittsburgh X  
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St. Louis X  
Savannah X  
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## Late BULLETINS

Justice Dept. eyeing white citizens groups

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29—The Justice Department said today it is giving "careful attention" to activities of the white citizens councils functioning in the South to preserve racial segregation. The department is investigating whether any federal civil rights statutes, the necessary base for any federal intervention, have been violated.

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## Citizen Council Probe Assured

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (AP)—The Justice Department assured a New York group today it is looking into the activities of the White Citizens Councils in the South.

The councils have been organized to preserve racial segregation in their areas. They developed after the Supreme Court ruled that segregated public schools are unconstitutional.

The department's announcement drew a tart comment from Gov. Hugh White of Jackson, Miss. He called the department a "bunch of meddling jackasses" who "can't do a thing."

The New York City group, the Jewish Labor Committee, has written Washington with a request for an investigation of the councils.

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# Tuskegee Reports Desegregation Gain

## Negro College's President Says Resistance Growing To Laws Drawing Color Line

TUSKEGEE, Dec. 30 (AP)—The South made "defensive progress" toward racial integration in 1955, says Tuskegee Institute, even in areas "where tension or conflict predominates."

But there was no indication of "substantial adjustment or of extensive conflict," President L. H. Foster observed in his second annual race relations report.

"There are islands of tension and conflict in areas where adjustment has been made," he commented, "and some measures of adjustment are noted in areas where tension or conflict predominates."

"Over all, there seems to be definite progress toward desegregation."

The race relations report was inaugurated last year to replace the annual lynching survey which the famed Negro school used for two decades to measure white and Negro relationship.

The lynching report was abandoned because Dr. Foster said it no longer accurately mirrors racial feelings.

Looking toward the new year, the Tuskegee president said further improvement in race relations "seems possible through many avenues."

As evidence of progress, Dr. Foster called attention to the growing list of court decisions resulting from basic integration rulings by the Supreme Court.

He also mentioned the Interstate Commerce Commission's anti-segregation decree on interstate travel and waiting rooms.

Although no Southern state has enacted legislation to promote desegregation, the Tuskegee report said, efforts to abandon the public school system and enact other laws which would strengthen segregation have frequently met resistance from educational organizations, government administrations and community leaders.

"Hundreds of formerly segregated schools have been desegregated without creating serious tensions or conflict..." he continued. "In many more communities throughout the South plans for segregation have been and are being worked out."

There were evidences of rejection, too, Dr. Foster said, and in many areas of the South government officials and civic leaders have tended to let matters drift and there has been very little effective communication between the two racial groups.

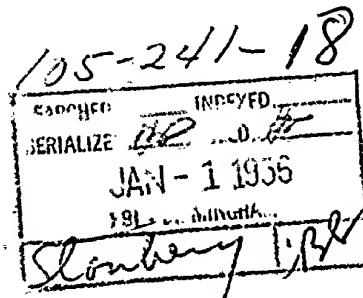
As obstacles to integration, the Tuskegee report mentioned:

Passage of a bill by the Alabama Legislature to require a license fee for solicitors in rural Wilcox County where Negroes outnumber white residents. It was aimed at the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Action in Louisiana to authorize the hiring of lawyers to fight segregation suits.

Mississippi's action to use po-

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lice power to maintain segregated schools.

Passage of a bill in Virginia for a statewide vote on abolition of public schools.

Georgia making it a felony to spend tax money for integrated schools.

Louisiana directing the State Board of Education to disapprove non-segregated schools and forbidding colleges to recognize certificates of graduation from such schools.

North Carolina voting to deny

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## Desegregation Gain Reported

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financial aid to desegregated schools.

Passage of laws in Alabama, Georgia and North Carolina giving local school boards authority to assign pupils to various schools.

Mississippi's enactment of a law to punish white pupils who might attend state-supported schools with Negroes.

Opponents of integration also have resorted to "economic pressure, intimidation and violence," Dr. Foster added, and many Negroes and some white persons have lost their jobs and have been denied bank and consumer credit.



Director, FBI

1/9/56

SAC, Birmingham

"FOR AMERICA"  
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This office received on 1/7/56, through a confidential source, a copy of a communication to OLIN HORTON, President of the AMERICAN STATES RIGHTS ASSOCIATION, Birmingham. The communication was as follows:

"FOR AMERICA IS ESPECIALLY EAGER FOR STRONG REPRESENTATION ON OUR NATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE. CONSEQUENTLY GEN. WOOD AND OUR CO-CHAIRMAN DEAN MANION AND DAN SMOOT AND OUR FOR AMERICA COORDINATOR OF THE SOUTHERN STATES EVETTS HALEY, EXTEND TO YOU AN URGENT INVITATION TO SERVE ON THIS PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE. SO THAT WE MAY INCLUDE YOUR NAME ON OUR NEXT PLATFORM PRINTING MAY WE PLEASE HEAR FAVORABLE BY WIRE REGARDS - BROWN FELDERS NATIONAL DIRECTOR."

The Birmingham indices are negative concerning captioned organization.

The above is being furnished for the information of the Bureau.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC 105-241

DATE: Jan. 9, 1956.

FROM : SA SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS AND STATES'  
RIGHTS MOVEMENTS  
INTERNAL SECURITY-X.

A review has been made of this file. It appears that there is nothing further to do with reference to investigation in this file. It also appears that this is a control file and separate files have been opened on individual organizations.

It is requested that this file be closed.

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Bureau dated 1/20/56 requesting  
Bureau be advised re  
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Director, FBI

January 24, 1956

*re* SAC, Birmingham

CITIZENS COUNCILS AND STATES!  
RIGHTS MOVEMENTS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

ATTENTION: CENTRAL RESEARCH SECTION

Re Bureau routing slip dated 1/20/56, and Bulet to  
Memphis, 12/6/55.

As far as can be ascertained through established sources,  
the White Citizens Councils in the Birmingham area have not issued  
any literature to date. [ ] of unknown reliability, has b7D  
advised that White Citizens Councils plan to publish regularly a  
bulletin in the near future. In the event this happens, the  
Bureau will be furnished with two copies of this bulletin.

The American States Rights Association, which is an  
organization incorporated in Birmingham, does not have any  
regularly published bulletin. However, mimeographed summaries  
of information pertaining to segregation are mailed occasionally  
to members. Four copies of some of this material were forwarded  
to the Bureau as enclosures with the report of SA CHARLES B.  
STANBERY, Birmingham, 1/19/56, in the case entitled, "AMERICAN  
STATES RIGHTS ASSOCIATION, IS-X," (Bufile 105-27471).

Birmingham will forward two copies of any future material  
obtained, marked for attention of Central Research Section.

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SA Charles B. Stanbery

January 24, 1956

SAC, Birmingham

CITIZENS COUNCILS AND STATES' RIGHTS MOVEMENTS;  
PURPOSES OF BUREAU INQUIRIES AND POLICIES  
TO BE FOLLOWED;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

During my two-day conference in Washington, D. C., on January 16 and 17, 1956, the Training and Inspection Division made specific reference to the program followed at the Semiannual Conference for Special Agents held December 8, 1955. The observation was made that the topic bearing the above caption, which was so capably handled by you, was an exceedingly timely topic, and that the Bureau desired a copy of the manuscript in order that all or parts of it may be utilized for dissemination to other Bureau offices.

ACTION: Submit to the Bureau, attention Training and Inspection Division, a copy of the manuscript which you utilized at the Semiannual Conference for Special Agents on December 8, 1955. This manuscript should be forwarded to the Bureau no later than February 1, 1956.

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RE: CITIZENS COUNCILS AND STATES'  
RIGHTS MOVEMENTS; PURPOSES OF  
BUREAU INQUIRIES AND POLICIES  
TO BE FOLLOWED.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - K.

The first Citizens Council was organized July 11, 1954, at Indianola, Mississippi, and as of February, 1955, councils had been formed in twenty-five counties of Mississippi with a total membership of approximately 30,000. The Citizens Councils of Alabama pattern after the councils organized in Mississippi and were first formed in Selma, Alabama, in October, 1954. At the present time (December 8, 1955) only one council has been formed in the Northern District of Alabama. This is the Tarrant, Alabama, Citizens Council, organized on November 19, 1955.

The Citizens Councils disclaim affiliation with, or similarity to, the Ku Klux Klan. The stated objectives include discouraging Negroes from voting and maintaining segregation in public schools. These objectives are being carried out by economic pressure brought to bear on Negroes seeking to vote or who are in favor of integration in schools. The councils claim no violence will be used and only legal means employed.

The Bureau advised on March 22, 1955, that, at the suggestion of the Department, the New Orleans and Memphis Offices were conducting an investigation of the "Association of Citizens

Councils of Mississippi" for consideration by the Department pursuant to Executive Order 10450. The Mobile Office was conducting an investigation of the Citizens Councils of Alabama. The Bureau advised that the indicated offices should be alert for the formation of Citizens Councils in their territory; that upon receipt of such information you should advise the Bureau immediately by letter setting forth all pertinent data concerning the organization and the officers thereof. No investigation should be conducted without Bureau authority.

On June 21, 1955, the Bureau reiterated its stated policy of March 22, 1955, regarding handling of information concerning captioned movements. The Bureau re-emphasized that we do not investigate groups that advocate and employ legal means to achieve their objectives. However, the Bureau pointed out that where advisable the field is authorized to investigate organizations established for the purpose of combatting or advocating affirmative action against racial minorities or seeking to deprive individuals of their rights under the constitution. No investigation is to be conducted without Bureau authority. Bureau further pointed out that conspiracy to injure or intimidate Negro citizens, according to the Department, in their rights to vote by threats of personal injury, application of economic pressure or otherwise, would seem to be violative of

the provisions of Title 18, USC, 241. At such time as integration is made mandatory under the Supreme Court decision of May 21, 1955, or prior thereto, these organizations or individual members may take extra-legal action possibly resulting in civil rights violations. The Bureau wants complete data relative to these organizations and their members prior to any incidents which may take place. The Bureau should be kept advised of the formation of these groups and all pertinent developments concerning them. However, in view of the nature of these groups all inquiries should be handled most discreetly in order to avoid embarrassing the Bureau. Established Sources should be contacted when possible. Reports on these organizations will be furnished the Department for consideration under Executive Order 10450.

SAC Letter No. 55-66 dated October 25, 1955, supersedes all previous instructions pertaining to the handling of inquiries concerning captioned groups. Bureau inquiries have as their purpose: (1) to ascertain the influence of Ku Klux Klan members and other advocates of illegal repressive tactics against minorities; (2) to determine whether their programs and activities bring groups within the purview of Executive Order 10450 and (3) to develop data indicating groups' potential for violence. For the most part the policy remains the same. Conduct no overt inquiry in the absence of specific Bureau instructions.

Contact only established sources. This means public records, informants, confidential sources, panel sources, sources of information or citizens who in time-proved dealings have been found reliable and discreet.

The Bureau advised on October 23, 1955, that racial tension is mounting in connection with the organization of captioned groups. Two Negro organizations have been formed in one state for the purpose of combatting the activities of the citizens councils. The same policy prevails concerning the formation of these Negro groups; advise the Bureau promptly but conduct no investigation or inquiry.

On December 6, 1955, the Bureau advised that the Department is apparently actively considering designating the Association of Citizens Councils of Mississippi pursuant to Executive Order 10450. Bureau instructed that all offices concerned in these investigations or inquiries make arrangements to secure, on a regular basis, all literature being published by each organization. An original and one copy of the literature should be furnished the Bureau by routing slip marked: "Attention: Central Research Section." A copy should be retained in the field office file. We should arrange for panelists and other sources to attend meetings of these groups. We should concentrate on getting information which indicates or



reveals the organization has adopted a policy of advocating or approving the commission of acts of force and violence to deny others their rights under the Constitution.

The only other group in the Birmingham territory which apparently is working for segregation and against de-segregation is the American States Rights Association which was organized in Birmingham on February 18, 1954. Two hundred and sixty-nine prominent Alabama citizens signed the Articles of Incorporation for this group, which states that the purpose is "to promote and defend the basic principles of states rights and develop economic, social and civic programs for the betterment of the several states." Although the Articles of Incorporation make no mention of segregation specifically, yet the actual activity of this group, such as distributing literature and radio broadcasts advocates the retention of a segregated society. The American States Rights Association has held no public meetings since its inception, as far as can be ascertained, and there is no reason to believe, from the information received to date, that this organization plans on using force and violence to perpetuate segregation. OLIN H. HORTON, President of this group, apparently is doing quite a bit of research concerning the hiring of Negro police in various cities, etc. His findings are mailed to the membership.

The same policy prevails at this time for handling inquiries concerning the American States' Rights Association as pertains to the Citizens Councils which, of course, has been discussed.

This concludes my remarks concerning Citizens Councils and States Rights Movements and if there are questions we can discuss them now.

Director, FBI  
Attention: Training & Inspection Division.

1/31/56

SAC, Birmingham

CITIZENS COUNCILS AND STATES'  
RIGHTS MOVEMENTS;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X.

During my two-day conference in Washington, D. C., on January 16th and 17, 1956, the Training and Inspection Division made specific reference to the program followed at the Semi-Annual Conference for Special Agents held December 8, 1955. The observation was made that the topic bearing the above caption given by SA CHARLES B. STANBERRY was timely and the Bureau desired a copy of the manuscript in order that all or parts of it might be utilized for dissemination to other Bureau offices.

It is noted that SA STANBERRY's talk was given from an approved speech outline. The enclosed manuscript has been reconstructed from the outline.

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Director, FBI (105-33955)

February 2, 1956

SAC, Birmingham (105-272)

CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA,  
BIRMINGHAM DIVISION  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Rebulet to Birmingham dated January 5, 1956, in the case  
entitled "Citizens Councils, Tarrant, Alabama; Internal Security - X."

Referenced letter requested that a report suitable for dis-  
semination be submitted to reach the Bureau no later than February 6,  
1956, concerning Citizens Council at Tarrant, Alabama.

At the present time there are only three known Citizens  
Councils in the Northern District of Alabama--the Tarrant, Alabama  
Council, the East Birmingham and the West Central Park Councils.  
Both Birmingham and Mobile have received information and have ad-  
vised the Bureau that apparently all Councils in Alabama will shortly  
be consolidated into one State organization. Mobile has advised the  
Bureau that they will continue to submit reports under the general  
caption, "Citizens Councils of Alabama; Internal Security - X" unless  
advised to the contrary. Mobile has also advised that when the State  
organization is perfected, the Bureau will be advised and a determina-  
tion can be made as to the proper office of origin. In view of the  
above information, it was deemed feasible for the Birmingham Office  
to submit a report under the caption "Citizens Councils of Alabama;  
Birmingham Division; Internal Security - X" and not forth information  
which has been received concerning the three councils in the Birmingham  
territory. Birmingham will be carried as office of origin in the  
above mentioned file unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau.

ACA CARTER who is organizing White Citizens Councils in  
Northern Alabama, has recently stated publicly that he intends to  
set up a state-wide organization in Alabama when the proper leader  
can be found. If this is true, it will only be a short time ap-  
parently until all the Citizens Councils are consolidated into one  
state-wide organization in Alabama.

Reference is made to Bureau letter to Birmingham dated  
January 27, 1956, in the case entitled "Alabama Citizens Councils;  
Internal Security - X."

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Referenced letter of January 27, 1956 refers to a letter from the Bureau to Mobile dated January 17, 1956, in which the Mobile Office was instructed to furnish the Bureau promptly with a list of the names of the individual Councils in Alabama and to follow closely the situation concerning the possible formation of a state-wide organization and to keep the Bureau informed of action being taken in that regard. The Birmingham Office was instructed to do likewise.

The desired information has been set forth above and the Birmingham Office will closely follow the situation concerning the possible formation of a state-wide organization in this matter.

ENCLOSURE TO THE BUREAU: Six copies report of SA CHARLES E. STANLEY, Birmingham, dated February 7, 1956, captioned "Citizens Councils of Alabama, Birmingham Division; Internal Security - R." b6 b7C

ENCLOSURE TO MOBILE: One copy report of SA [ ] as described above.

SAC, Birmingham (105-272)

March 13, 1956

Director, FBI

ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reurairtel March 6, 1956. Reference is also made to Bureau letter to Atlanta dated November 3, 1955, captioned "Citizens Councils and States' Rights Movement, Internal Security - X."

Copies of all reports prepared concerning citizens councils should be disseminated locally to OII, OSI and G-2. You should adhere to instructions set forth in reBulet in disseminating copies of the initial report in each case.

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RE: CITIZENS COUNCILS AND  
STATES' RIGHTS MOVEMENTS  
INTERNAL SECURITY-X

Reference is made to Memo All Agents No. 83, dated 11-1-55, wherein you were advised that the purposes of Bureau inquiries relative to citizens councils and similar organizations purportedly engaged in pro-segregation activities are:

1. To ascertain influence of Ku Klux Klan members and other advocates of illegal repressive tactics against minorities.
2. To determine if programs and activities bring groups within purview E.O. 10450.
3. To develop data indicating groups' potential for violence.

You were also advised therein that the Bureau is to be promptly advised of the formation of such councils or organizations and the Bureau should be kept currently advised on a continuing basis. It was also set forth therein that inquiries are to be limited to contacts with established reliable sources, who have been advised of our objectives and who understand clearly that the Bureau is not interested in nor inquiring concerning legitimate activities of responsible citizens groups.

"Established sources" was pointed out to mean public records, informants, confidential sources, panel sources, sources of information, or citizens with whom we have had past dealings and who have been found reliable, discreet, and in position to make available pertinent data.

As you are aware, separate case files are being opened in the Birmingham Division on each citizens council reportedly organized. This is in accordance

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MEMO ALL AGENTS  
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Birmingham Division  
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*Form 5-1 read 3/16/56  
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with Bureau instructions, and investigative reports are to be promptly submitted.

For your information, copies of each report in these matters should be indicated for dissemination locally to:

G2, 3rd Army, Ft. McPherson, Georgia  
ONI, 6th Naval District, Charleston, S. C.  
OSI, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama

The Bureau has instructed that in transmitting copies of the initial report to these local intelligence agencies, the report should be transmitted to each by letter, which letter contains the following statements:

This report being furnished you does not reflect the results of a full investigation of this organization but only information obtained through limited inquiries being made to ascertain the influence, if any, in this organization of Ku Klux Klan members or others who advocate repressive tactics against minorities; to determine whether its programs and activities bring it within the purview of Executive Order 10450; and to develop data regarding this group's potential for violence.

In the event an investigation of this organization is initiated as a result of data obtained through inquiries being conducted, you will be furnished the results of investigation and at that time informed that an investigation rather than an inquiry is being conducted.

The information being furnished you concerning this organization is for your confidential use and should not be disseminated outside your agency.

You are further instructed that reports concerning citizens councils ordinarily should not be classified. As you know, only those reports containing information, the protection of which is necessary in the interest of national defense, are to be classified. If, however, a



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report concerning a citizens council contains such information, it should be appropriately classified.

It is mandatory that each Agent follow strictly the requirements relative to the preparation of reports concerning these matters. The fact that these matters are handled as limited inquiries does not alter the prevailing administrative regulations which render delinquent a case in which no report or other postable communication has been submitted within 45 days.

*D. W. Fults*

D. W. FULTS,  
SAC

Director, FBI (105-34237)  
Attention: Central Research Section

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SAC, Birmingham (105-241)

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Enclosed herewith is one copy of "The Southerner,"  
Vol. 1, No. 2, for March, 1956.

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[redacted] of unknown reliability, made this copy avail-  
able and is endeavoring to secure another copy as well  
as several copies of Vol. 1 No. 1. In the event  
Birmingham obtains these copies they will be forwarded  
to the Bureau.

"The Southerner" is a publication of the North Alabama  
Citizens Councils, headed by ASA "ACE" CARTER, Execu-  
tive Secretary of the councils and editor of "The  
Southerner." It is in no way connected with the  
Citizens Councils of Alabama with headquarters at  
Montgomery, Ala. This latter group is controlled by  
Dr. JOHN H. WHITLEY of Tarrant City, Ala., and State  
Senator SAM ENGELHARDT of Macon County, Ala.

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Director, FBI (105-34237)

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SAC, Norfolk (105-242)

CITIZENS COUNCILS AND  
STATES' RIGHTS MOVEMENTS  
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On June 6, 1956, [redacted] a PSI of this Office, advised that ADA CARTER, White Citizens Council, Birmingham, Alabama, has an appointment to speak before the Arlington, Virginia, chapter of the Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties on June 15, 1956, time and place of meeting undetermined by informant. Informant advised that CARTER is regarded as militant by leaders of Citizens Councils. He also advises that he does not know who arranged for CARTER's appearance in Arlington, Virginia, but states that the President of the Chapter is JACK PATTERSON.

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Informant also advised that he has learned that the Cadmus Book Store, Georgetown, Washington, D.C., is forming a White Citizens Council group in Washington, D.C. Informant states that he has no further information on the Cadmus Book Store.

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CITIZENS COUNCILS AND  
STATES' RIGHTS MOVEMENTS  
IS-X

Re SAC Letter No. 55-66 dated 10-25-55.

Part 3 of this letter confines inquiries ordered by the Bureau to contacts with established reliable sources. Part 4 states term "established sources" means public records, informants, confidential sources, panel sources, sources of information or citizens who in time-proved dealings have been found discreet, reliable and are in a position to furnish or obtain pertinent information.

The Bureau is requested to advise whether potential security informant cases under 134 classification may be opened on individuals who are established sources or citizens who have in the past furnished reliable information and who are members of Citizens Councils.

The Bureau is also requested to advise whether payments may be made to such individuals for furnishing information furnished in connection with Citizens Councils.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Birmingham (105-241)

DATE: October 26, 1956

FROM : Director, FBI (105-34237)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS AND  
STATES' RIGHTS MOVEMENTS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reurlet October 15, 1956.

With regard to the use of individuals to obtain information on Citizens Councils and States' Rights Movements, no additional 134 files should be opened merely because such individuals are used from time to time on these matters. If an individual is furnishing considerable assistance you should consider opening a 134 file and handle in accordance with Section 107 C of the Manual of Instructions.

Concerning payments to such individuals, the SAC is authorized to pay up to \$100 to anyone for information of value relating to security matters. In utilizing this authority the SAC must justify the payment on appropriate blue slip. If an individual is furnishing considerable information on security matters and it is necessary to pay him more than \$100 or authority is desired to make regular payments, a recommendation to make such payments should be submitted to the Bureau in accordance with Section 107 N of the Manual of Instructions.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Atlanta

DATE: December 13, 1956

FROM: *JW* Director, FBIPERSONAL ATTENTIONSUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Although reports have been submitted to the Department on all citizens councils concerning which we have conducted investigations and inquiries to date, the Department has indicated the activities of these organizations do not fall within the purview of Executive Order 10450. In view of this fact, there is no basis upon which to base justification for further inquiry. Therefore, you are instructed to immediately discontinue inquiries concerning all citizens councils upon receipt of this letter. It is your responsibility to also immediately notify auxiliary offices of the discontinuance of the investigation.

In order that the Bureau may continue to carry out its responsibilities of keeping interested Government agencies informed of information of interest to them, you must continue your efforts to keep abreast of developments in order that the Bureau may be apprised of any situation which indicates a potential for violence. In obtaining information, however, absolutely no inquiries are to be made by you. You must secure the desired information through close scrutiny of the public press plus whatever information may be volunteered to you.

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Letter to SAC, Atlanta  
Re: CITIZENS COUNCILS

With respect to the use of confidential informants, I want it clearly understood that no informant is to be given any assignment in connection with obtaining information regarding the activities of citizens councils without prior Bureau authority. If you have a confidential informant already reporting on citizens councils matters you may continue to accept information volunteered by the informant but you must not give him any additional assignments in this field. If you feel it is necessary for some specific reason to continue an informant in a particular citizens council you must immediately advise the Bureau, together with the identity of the informant, his reliability and your assurance that continued operation of the informant will not result in any embarrassment to the Bureau.

Each office receiving copies of this letter must submit to the Bureau a monthly summary of information concerning the activities of citizens councils in your respective territories. The first such letter is to be submitted to reach the Bureau by January 15, 1957, and each succeeding letter must be submitted to reach the Bureau by the fifteenth of each month. This summary, which shall consist of an original and seven copies, must be submitted in memorandum form suitable for dissemination and forwarded to the Bureau by cover letter. These summary memoranda and your cover letter must bear the caption "Citizens Councils, (name of field office)." Each of these summary memoranda must also be dated.

As in the past, information received concerning citizens councils which requires expeditious handling must not be delayed for inclusion in the monthly summary but must be furnished to the Bureau promptly by whatever means of communication is required by the nature of the information.

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*This matter must receive your personal attention and it is your responsibility, insofar as is possible, to see to it that the Bureau will continue to be in a position to furnish pertinent information concerning potential violence to interested Government agencies.*

*With respect to the administrative handling of current cases, you should submit a closing report within 30 days from the date of this letter. This report should incorporate any information which has been obtained to date not previously reported. If there is very little information to be reported, you may at your discretion submit a closing letter. On the administrative page of the closing report or in the closing letter make reference to this letter in order that the administrative handling at the Seat of Government may be facilitated.*

*The fact that we are discontinuing our inquiries concerning citizens councils is not to be discussed or made known in any manner to anyone outside your own office. This includes your confidential informants.*



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Atlanta

DATE: April 2, 1957

FROM: *JH* Director, FBI (105-34237)SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

ReBulet dated December 13, 1956.

At the time the field was instructed to discontinue inquiries concerning citizens councils the Department was requested to advise whether or not additional inquiries should be conducted relative to the White Citizens' Councils of District of Columbia, also known as Seaboard White Citizens' Councils, inasmuch as the Department had previously requested that inquiries concerning that organization be made.

The Department has now advised that no further investigation of the Seaboard White Citizens' Councils or similar organizations should be conducted with a view toward having such organizations listed under the provisions of Executive Order 10450.

It was requested, however, that the Department be advised of all information which comes to the attention of the Bureau concerning such activities of these organizations as may involve possible deprivations of Constitutional rights.

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Upon receipt information concerning such activities will be reviewed by the Department for the purpose of determining whether violations of Title 18, U. S. Code, Sections 241 or 242 (Civil Rights) are involved.

With regard to the above, you should remain alert for information regarding the activity of citizens councils which might involve violations of Federal statutes within the jurisdiction of this Bureau. Any such information received should, of course, be handled in accordance with the existing instructions pertaining to the specific violation indicated.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Atlanta

DATE: June 5, 1957

FROM: *[Signature]* Director, FBI (105-34237)SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

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ReBulet 12/13/56 which directed that offices submit to the Bureau a monthly summary of information concerning the activities of citizens councils.

Effective immediately, offices receiving copies of this letter should discontinue the practice of submitting such monthly summaries. However, in order that the Bureau may continue to carry out its responsibility of keeping interested Government agencies advised of pertinent information, you are instructed to forward information concerning important developments regarding citizens councils to the Bureau as they occur. Such information should be submitted to the Bureau in memorandum form suitable for dissemination.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

300 American Life Building  
Birmingham 3, Alabama

August 17, 1957

CITIZENS COUNCILS  
BIRMINGHAM FIELD DIVISION

"The Tuscaloosa News," Tuscaloosa, Alabama newspaper, carried an article August 3, 1957, entitled, "South Can Keep Segregation - For A Price, Says Davis." This article referred to a speech by State Senator ALBERT DAVIS of Pickens County, Alabama, at an open-air rally of the West Alabama Citizens Council, August 2, 1957, in the Alberta City Park, a suburb of Tuscaloosa. LEONARD WILSON, Citizens Council Chairman, presided. Among the remarks made by DAVIS, "The Tuscaloosa News" quoted the following:

"We must drag out the beasts and expose them for what they are. It's a fight that demands courage and not for weaklings. We are looking for strong men and women, the kind that'll lay down their lives if need be to support a cause they love."

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"Preservation of our way of life in the South can be had, but it'll require eternal vigilance, courage and not weakness."

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"It'll take the character that folks showed in the 60's, men like those who staggered back home in defeat, men of the Confederate Army who loved the heritage that was theirs. They found big-footed niggers in key places who had armed soldiers to carry out their orders. But our men had the manhood, the stuff that it took to save our souls from the curse."

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RE: CITIZENS COUNCILS  
BIRMINGHAM FIELD DIVISION

"....You need not expect the big politicians to carry the flag in this fight. They're too scared..."

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"You must be willing to go into our colleges and say I wanta know something about the stuff you are cramming down the throats of our young people. Some of them are putting on cap and gown to pour out poison to the youth of America. Some are hiding behind the Cross of Calvary to do their dirty work. You must be willing to go into the pulpits of the land and question the preaching of a social doctrine. The folks who write religious literature are poisoning our youth."

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"As for the left-wing press, I say to hell with them. Too many are owned and controlled by Eastern capital. I'd just as soon they'd not be down here."

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"If we don't do something about this, your son or daughter will in time tell you that the stuff you talk about is poppycock and strong men will be heard to cry.

"It's certainly coming if you don't rise up and inquire into every nook and cranny about those who teach our young, those who make our laws here and in Washington. The victory is ours if we but pay the price.

"We have been federalized until the little farmers of America can no longer make a living on their farms. They must go to town and beg somebody for a job."

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BIRMINGHAM FIELD DIVISION

According to "The Tuscaloosa News", Senator DAVIS characterized the United States Supreme Court as "that bunch of nine old buzzards who sit up there on one roost and attempt to federalize all our schools in one stroke." The article further quoted Senator DAVIS as saying, "It's gonna take guts, sacrifice, toil and willingness to take abuse, but the price is the youth of this country and children of the next generation. By the help of God we'll win."

This article further reflected that Judge GEORGE WALLACE of Barbour County also spoke briefly on this program. He told about his experience in testifying in Washington against the proposed Civil Rights Bill and said we in the South must do three things: "We must never succumb to the idea that the mingling of the races is inevitable because it isn't. We must continue a fight within the law and we should tell the Negroes we are their best friends, which we are. Through it all we must try to maintain peace and tranquility among all people. Our system is not based on ill will but what we in our own hearts feel is best for both races."

"The Birmingham News" for August 8, 1957, carried an article concerning a meeting of the Bessemer Citizens Council on that date. This article said that GROVER S. McLEOD, Birmingham Attorney, and a defense lawyer at the recent Clinton, Tennessee, trial would address the meeting. The meeting was to have been held at the Bessemer Court House, beginning at 7:30 p.m. According to this article, Reverend J. J. BECK, Chairman of the Bessemer Citizens Council, announced that the meeting would be held.

The "Birmingham Post-Herald" for June 26, 1957, carried an article which said that Judge GEORGE C. WALLACE, Third Judicial Circuit of Alabama, would speak at a meeting of the Independent Bessemer Citizens Council, Friday night, June 28, 1957. The article stated that the public was invited to attend, according to Rev. J. J. BECK, Chairman of the Bessemer Citizens Council. The article stated that Judge WALLACE would be introduced by JOSEPH S. MEADE, Birmingham attorney. Rev. J. J. BECK was quoted as saying that Judge WALLACE was invited to speak because of his "wide knowledge of the problems now confronting this and other Southern communities."

Director, FBI (105-34237, sub 4)

8/17/57

*SP.* SAC, Birmingham (105-364)

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BIRMINGHAM FIELD DIVISION  
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Attached hereto are eight copies of a blank memorandum dated 8/17/57, captioned as above, reflecting information contained in Tuscaloosa and Birmingham, Ala., newspapers relating to meetings of Citizens Councils.

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300 American Life Building  
Birmingham 3, Alabama  
September 3, 1957

**CITIZENS COUNCILS  
BIRMINGHAM FIELD DIVISION**

On August 30, 1957, Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1, who has provided reliable information in the past, furnished a circular letter made available to T-1 through JOE L. DRACKNELL, Chairman of the CITIZENS COUNCIL OF ENSLEY, Birmingham, Alabama. The letter contained the following information:

"HELLO WHITE FOLKS:

"At Sen. Sam Englehardt's request there will be a meeting of the officers and members of the board of directors of the Citizens' Councils of Jefferson County that are affiliated with the Citizens' Councils of Alabama at the City Hall Court Room in Homewood, Ala., at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, August 23th.

"This may well be the most important meeting you have ever attended, and your presence is urgently requested. This is a closed meeting and because you may not see an account of it in the daily papers do not let it slip your memory.

"The speaker will be the Hon. Sam Englehardt and the main topics of his speech will be the following:

"No. 1 -- The Governor's Race. Facts on the past record of each leading candidate as it affects our cause.

"No. 2 -- 'Civil Rights' Legislative Report.

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BIRMINGHAM FIELD DIVISION**

**"No. 3 -- Reorganization and rejuvena-  
tion of Citizens' Councils.**

**"No. 4 -- Report on Democratic Executive  
Committee members to be elected.**

**"If you are truly a segregationist and  
want to help in the fight to preserve States'  
Rights, individual freedom and to save your  
country, you will not miss this meeting.**

**"Floyd Drown, Chairman  
Citizens Council of Shades Mountain  
Phone TR 1-8653 or TR 1-0314"**

**The above is for your information and should not  
be disseminated to unauthorized persons or agencies.**

Director, FBI (105-34237 sub 4)

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BIRMINGHAM FIELD DIVISION  
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Attached hereto are eight copies of a blank memorandum dated September 3, 1957, concerning the above captioned matter.

Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1 is  
[redacted] PSI of the Birmingham Office.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Atlanta

DATE: October 9, 1957

FROM: *JWA* Director, FBI (105-34237)PERSONAL ATTENTIONSUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

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Reference is made to Bulet dated December 13, 1956, which instructed that inquiries concerning all citizens councils be discontinued immediately; that in order for the Bureau to continue to carry out its responsibilities you should continue your efforts to keep abreast of developments and apprise the Bureau of any situation indicating a potential for violence; and that no informant was to be given any assignment in connection with information regarding the activities of citizens councils without prior Bureau authority.

As you are aware, a very tense situation has arisen in Little Rock, Arkansas, in connection with the matter of integration of public schools. The Attorney General has stated that in view of the Little Rock situation and the fact that a number of the principal disturbers of the peace there were members of citizens councils he believes the Bureau should take steps to obtain the necessary coverage, including informants, in citizens councils but should exercise such coverage with the utmost discretion.

I desire to stress the fact that the Bureau is not investigating citizens councils and has no interest in the actions of citizens councils as such. The sole interest of

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the Bureau is the gathering of intelligence in advance of possible violence or interference with Federal court orders or injunctions and the gathering of information which will permit the development of witnesses in the event such violence or interference takes place.

In view of the Attorney General's desires you are instructed to institute immediately a program for the development of coverage, which will accomplish the above aims, in citizens councils in those areas where trouble might arise due to integration problems.

It is desired that you examine the coverage you had previously when discreet inquiries were being conducted concerning citizens councils for the purpose of reinstituting coverage along the same lines. You should bear in mind the recruitment of proven informants in both the security and criminal fields who could become members of these organizations. Panel sources should be considered to see if they are of the caliber and reliability to be used in this regard. Consider also members of minority groups or persons who have openly expressed opposition toward the use of violence in any form. It is noted that some of the leaders and members of citizens councils have voluntarily contacted your offices expressing antipathy to violence. Sources should be re-established who can obtain literature published or circulated by citizens councils which will keep your offices informed of possible trends toward violence. Newspapers and other publications should be closely scrutinized for the same purpose.

It is not desired that informants be developed in each and every citizens council within the territory covered by your office but it is imperative that efforts be made to develop informants in citizens councils in areas where there might be integration trouble. Your efforts in this regard are to be most circumspect. No unnecessary risks should be taken in this matter which might have any adverse effect upon the Bureau or which might cause the Bureau any embarrassment. No attempts should be made to develop informants on a wholesale basis. No person should be considered in connection with this matter unless the individual is completely trustworthy. No individual should be contacted until Bureau authority is obtained. All individuals contacted under this program should be advised and must understand that the Bureau is not interested in the activities of citizens councils as such but is interested in only such information

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indicating violence on the part of such councils or their members and in such information that is or at some future date might be in violation of matters over which this Bureau has jurisdiction. It is realized that the development of informants in this regard is a delicate situation and I want to be certain that anyone used as an informant is trustworthy and will not get the erroneous impression and think that the Bureau is interested in citizens councils other than from their potential for violence.

Each office receiving instant communication should institute immediately a definite program in this regard. The Bureau is to be furnished with a letter setting forth the program instituted, which letter is to reach the Bureau by October 25, 1957, without fail. Thereafter each office should submit a letter every 30 days setting forth the steps taken to insure the success of the program; the steps taken to implement and expand upon the program; results achieved under the program, setting forth the names of the individuals and sources developed and any informant symbol numbers, if assigned, during the preceding 30-day period; and summarize accomplishments achieved under the program since its inception. After the second 30-day letter is submitted you should list only in the letters submitted in June and December of each year the names and symbol numbers of all the individuals developed since the inception of the program.

Requests for Bureau authority to contact individuals under this program should be submitted under individual council captions and should include the following information:

- (1) Full name of individual.
- (2) Residence address
- (3) Occupation and business address
- (4) A statement whether individual is an officer and/or member of the council. If not an officer or member a statement as to the individual's being in a position to furnish information.
- (5) A statement as to individual's trustworthiness, including a statement if individual has furnished

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information to your office in the past, if such information was determined to be accurate, and a brief resume of matters concerning which he has furnished information.

- (6) Any information in the files of your office which might make a contact inadvisable.
- (7) Your recommendation

A separate letter should be submitted on each individual request.

It is your responsibility to give this matter preferred and expeditious attention to insure the success of this program. It is also your personal responsibility to insure that all information concerning the activities of citizens councils which might result in violence in connection with the integration matter or which might develop into another Little Rock situation is furnished the Bureau promptly. In this regard you should secure the desired information through close scrutiny of the public press, through information which may be volunteered, and through the informants which are developed in connection with the afore-mentioned program.

The above instructions in no way rescind the instructions set forth in reBulet concerning active inquiries of citizens councils. No active inquiries should be conducted concerning such councils.

Director, FBI (105-34237)

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SAC, Birmingham (105-241)

**CITIZENS COUNCILS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X**

Rebulet to Atlanta dated October 9, 1957.

The Birmingham Office will attempt to utilize current Klan informants as informants in securing information regarding potential violence in Citizens Councils. If these are not adequate, there are several individuals who were furnishing some information regarding Citizens Councils who will be considered as potential informants and Bureau authority will be requested to contact them.

It is noted, for example, that [ ] was formerly a member of [ ] Citizens Council and may be willing to rejoin this group. [ ] it should be noted, adjoins Birmingham, and for all actual purposes, is a geographical part of Birmingham. [ ] who is in the process of being discontinued as a Klan informant, resides near [ ] Alabama, and may be willing to join the [ ] Citizens Council. The wife of [ ] is opposed to the Klan, but may not object to [ ] joining a Citizens Council. [ ] it is believed, can secure information from the West Alabama Citizens Council at Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Informants have pointed out that many individuals belong to both the Klan and a Citizens Council in their area. b7D

The Birmingham Office will try to place an informant in the key Citizens Councils in the Birmingham area where the only integration trouble of any moment has occurred to date.

Per Bulet, a letter will be submitted every 30 days setting forth steps taken to insure success of this program. Bureau authority will be requested separately to contact each Klan informant or other individual in question as a potential informant in instant matter.

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*Stanley - CBI  
Review closed files  
& assign for review  
for development*

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SAC, Atlanta

November 13, 1957

Director, FBI (105-34237)

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INTERNAL SECURITY - X

ReBulet October 9, 1957.

The Bureau does not desire that reports be submitted on citizens councils except in those cases where you are specifically instructed to do so. As a general rule information obtained concerning activities of these organizations should be furnished in memorandum form suitable for dissemination. Submit original and eight copies. More expeditious means of communication should be utilized where warranted.

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[REDACTED] Calera, Ala., confidentially advised on 11/15/57, that there was no longer any Citizens Council Activity in Calera, Ala. He stated from what he had heard just about everyone had quit, adding that Rev. Goree, the Baptist Minister had quit because of the caliber of the members of this group.

[REDACTED] stated that he had heard that [REDACTED] a TCI Employee was planning on tapping a telephone of some negro preacher who resides in the vicinity of Alabaster, but that he [REDACTED] had reported this to a representative of the Telephone Company, that he is personally acquainted with.

[REDACTED] stated he had no direct knowledge, but was of the opinion that several men around Calera were active in the Klan, and he named [REDACTED] as one of the ones he referred to. He stated that [REDACTED] were also believed to be active in this group, adding that they hung out at the cafe run by [REDACTED] in Calera, Ala. He stated he believed that [REDACTED] was also mixed up in the Klan activity, as she was very close to [REDACTED]

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Director, FBI (105-34237)

11-23-57

*Ans*  
SAC, Birmingham (105-241)

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Rebulet to Atlanta, October 9, 1957, and  
Birmingham letter to Bureau, October 22, 1957.

The program for development of coverage in  
Citizens Councils in those areas where trouble might  
arise, due to integration problems, is as follows:

The Birmingham Office has a closed 134-file  
on [redacted] had furnished, prior to Decem-  
ber 1956, some information concerning the NORTH BIRMINGHAM  
CITIZENS COUNCIL. The Bureau has been requested, in line  
with instructions set forth in Bulet to Atlanta dated  
October 9, 1957, to utilize [redacted] in the current program.

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[redacted] an employee of the [redacted]  
[redacted] in Calera, Alabama, has furnished some  
information concerning Citizens Council activity in Calera,  
Alabama, in the past. His file has been reopened and it  
is contemplated that Bureau authority will be requested  
to utilize services of [redacted] concerning the Calera-Shelby  
County, Alabama area.

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[redacted] at Tuscaloosa, Alabama,  
who was at one time a security informant in Klan matters  
in the Birmingham Office, is being considered in connection  
with the Citizens Council in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. His  
file has been reopened and it is contemplated the Bureau  
will be requested for authority to contact [redacted] in  
this regard.

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[redacted] Bessemer, Alabama, wife of the  
[redacted] furnished sub-  
stantial information to this office concerning the large  
BESSEMER CITIZENS COUNCIL prior to December, 1956. Her  
file has been reopened and the Bureau will be requested  
for authority to recontact her in this regard.

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No information has been received since institution of this program. The above possible informants will furnish information concerning the areas most likely to have integration trouble in the Birmingham area; however, this matter is being carefully followed and it is contemplated that other potential sources will be open for development, although Citizens Council activity has declined in the Birmingham area and in many councils, practically all of the council members belong to Klan-type organizations.

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TO : SAC [REDACTED]

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DATE: 11/ 20 /1957

FROM : SA, [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was contacted on 11/15/57 at Calera, Ala. [REDACTED] stated he was still employed at the [REDACTED] Office, in Calera, Ala., but does not desire to be contacted at this office, as he desires his identity protected. [REDACTED] stated that the so-called Citizens Council still meets in Calera, but stated that only the Klan members attend this organization at the present time. He stated the membership has dropped from 374 to around 25, and that [REDACTED] after the first of the year, since only the radical element is left, and [REDACTED] associated with this group. [REDACTED] stated that JOE BURTHAM (phonetic), who is a preacher, is the head of the group, and [REDACTED] and two [REDACTED] brothers, [REDACTED] are members of the Council, and that all of these men were formerly associated with [REDACTED] Klan Group. [REDACTED] stated that actually there was no Citizens Council in Calera at present time, and there was no interest among the people of Calera for such an organization.

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## SUGGESTED LEAD:

Recontact [REDACTED] in Dec. 1957 to determine, if the the above mentioned names are meeting under the name of the Council or the Klan.

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Director, FBI (105-45523)

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SAC, Birmingham (105-323)

1 POSSIBLE KLAN INFILTRATION INTO  
THE CITIZENS COUNCIL OF EMSELY,  
ALABAMA.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X.

ReBulet to Atlanta dated October 9, 1957, in the  
case entitled "CITIZENS COUNCILS, INTERNAL SECURITY - X."

The following information is set forth regarding

1. [redacted]
2. Not applicable.
3. Not applicable.

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4. [redacted] is a member of the [redacted]

[redacted] the CITIZENS COUNCIL OF EMSELY, ALABAMA.

5. Informant has furnished reliable information in the past and he is believed to be trustworthy. He is currently furnishing information to this office regarding meetings and other activities of the KKKK. Information furnished by informant has been verified where possible and found to be reasonably accurate.

6. There is no information in the files of this office which would make it inadvisable to contact informant re the citizens council.

7. It is therefore recommended that informant be utilized in obtaining information regarding the Citizens Council in accordance with instructions set forth in reBulet.

3 Bureau (2 - 105-45523) (1 - [redacted])  
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On race question—

## Citizens Councils plan poll of office-seekers

BY FRED TAYLOR  
News staff writer

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 7 —The Citizens Councils of Alabama is getting ready to fire a broadside of questionnaires at avowed and prospective candidates for governor and other public and party office aspirants in the May Democratic primary election.

State Sen. Sam Engelhardt, Jr. of Macon, executive secretary of the organization, indicated that the queries to be directed at the candidates for governor would be broader than the ones submitted to office-seekers in the election two years ago.

"This time we'll probably have eight or 10 questions to ask the candidates, especially those run-



TAYLOR

ning for governor," said Sen. Engelhardt.

He and other council members are now busy drafting the questions which they expect to have ready for submission "within two or three weeks."

The new questionnaires, like those propounded to the candidates prior to the May, 1956, Democratic primary elections, will deal mainly with maintaining segregation.



ENGELHARDT

This issue long has been recognized by political observers as an all-important one in the upcoming campaigns.

SOME OF the questions asked by the Citizens Councils statewide organization in the last tussle for public and party offices were:

"Have you ever, or will you solicit the Negro vote? Do you here and now deny the Negro vote?"

"Will you give your wholehearted support to the action already taken by the Legislature of Alabama toward maintaining segregation?"

"Has the NAACP or any other organization dedicated to the breakdown of Alabama policies on segregation, made any financial contribution directly or indirectly to your campaign?"

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December 8, 1957

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"Are you willing to submit to this office a notarized list of organizations contributing to your campaign?"

### Some ignored queries

A NUMBER of candidates for both public and party offices bridled at questions directed at them in the last election, with some considering the queries too bullying and intimidating.

However, many of them answered the questionnaires, while others ignored the queries.

One of the candidates ignoring the questionnaire then was Gov. James E. Folsom, who was defeated for Democratic national committeeman by Rep. Charles W. McKay Jr. of Talladega.

McKay, who was head of the Citizens' Council at Sylacauga at that time, answered the questions.

### Livingston push

THERE'S A NEW movement under way to propel Supreme Court Chief Justice J. E. Livingston into the governor's race,



despite the fact that he apparently at one time had given up the idea of running.

But in recent days there has been a quiet but forceful attempt by some of the state's most influential citizens, including

LIVINGSTON, attorneys, businessmen and some members of the judiciary, to persuade him to run.

Would Chief Justice Livingston be eligible, under the State Constitution, to run for governor?

The answer, given by able constitutional lawyers, is yes.

This is because the Supreme Court presiding justice's term, to which he was elected, expires at the end of 1958.

If it extended beyond that time, he would not be eligible to seek or hold the governorship, under the constitution, they point out. They also cite sound reasons why such a prohibition was placed in the State Constitution.

### Significant changes

CHIEF JUSTICE Livingston has not given any indication as to whether he will run for governor, or seek renomination to the high court.

Indications are that if he seeks reelection to the bench, he won't have any opposition. But it would be a different story, if he ran for governor.

There's always a hot fight for the state's top office.

Attempts to induce Livingston to jump into the governor's race were renewed since Alabama's gubernatorial picture underwent rapid and significant changes during the last week.

These occurred in rapid succession, with veteran U. S. Rep. Albert Rains, who had been regarded as one of the strongest prospective candidates, announcing he would not run. Instead, Rains said he would seek reelection to Congress where he feels he can best serve the state.

No sooner had Rains bowed out of the governor's race, than former U. S. Rep. Joe Starnes of Guntersville, the man Rains had unseated as Fifth District congressman several years ago, indicated he was preparing to jump in.

And State Agriculture Commissioner A. W. Todd, former state senator from Russellville, plunged into the tussle. Todd long has been mentioned as a probable entrant.

### Endorses amendments

JUDGE GEORGE Wallace of Clanton, who huddled with a group of some 75 persons in Birmingham Friday night to

shape organization plans in his bid for governor, announced his support of the first six amendments on the Dec. 17 ballot, plus Amendments Nos. 10 and 11.



No. 1 is the \$10 million inland docks measures, while Nos. 2 through 6 are

generally described as health amendments. No. 10 provides that the Legislature may authorize use of any portion of the proceeds of any special public hospital county taxes for care of indigent residents of the county.

No. 11 provides that obligations for public improvements or for school buildings would not, under certain circumstances, be considered an indebtedness in municipalities of less than 6000 population—same as already provided for larger municipalities.

As the author of the Wallace Industrial Development Act, said Judge Wallace, "Amendment No. 11 is especially important because it would enable municipalities of less than 6000 population to provide for school and other facilities that cities of larger population already have the right to provide."

300 American Life Building  
Birmingham 3, Alabama  
December 16, 1957

RE: CITIZENS COUNCILS

"The Birmingham News," a local daily newspaper, Birmingham, Alabama, on December 8, 1957, printed an article by FRED TAYLOR, a Staff Writer, entitled "Citizens Councils Plan Poll of Office-Seekers." This article was datelined Montgomery, Alabama, and stated that the Citizens Councils of Alabama were getting ready to submit questionnaires to avowed and prospective candidates for Governor or other public and party office seekers in the May, 1958 Democratic primary election. State Senator SAM ENGELHARDT, JR. of Macon County, Alabama, Executive Secretary of the Citizens Council of Alabama, indicated, according to this article, that the queries would be broader than the ones submitted to office seekers two years ago. The new questionnaires, according to this article, will deal mainly with maintaining segregation. Some of the questions asked in the last questionnaire were:

"Have you ever, or will you solicit the Negro vote?"

"Do you here and now deny the Negro vote?"

"Will you give your wholehearted support to the action already taken by the Legislature of Alabama toward maintaining segregation?"

"Has the NAACP or any other organization dedicated to the breakdown of Alabama policies on segregation, made any financial contribution directly or indirectly to your campaign?"

"Are you willing to submit to this office a notarized list of organizations contributing to your campaign?"

3 - Bureau  
2 - Birmingham (105-241)  
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RE: CITIZENS COUNCILS

This article stated that one of the candidates in Alabama during the last election who ignored the questionnaire was Governor JAMES E. FOLSON, who was defeated for Democratic National Committeeman by Representative CHARLES W. MCKAY, JR. of Talladega, Alabama. MCKAY, who was head of the Citizens Council at Sylacauga, Alabama at that time, answered the questions, according to "The Birmingham News" article.

This memorandum is loaned to you by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside the agency to which loaned.

Director, FBI (105-34237)

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*ps* SAC, Birmingham (105-241)

CITIZENS COUNCILS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Enclosed are eight copies of a blank memorandum reflecting information contained in an article captioned "Citizens Councils Plan Poll of Office-Seekers" which appeared in "The Birmingham News," a local daily newspaper, Birmingham, on December 8, 1957.

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Director, FBI (105-44731)

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SAC, Birmingham (105-232)

CITIZENS COUNCIL OF EAST BIRMINGHAM,  
Birmingham, Alabama, aka  
EASTERN SECTION CITIZENS COUNCIL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Rebulet to Atlanta dated October 9, 1957, in the  
case entitled, "Citizens Councils; IS - X."

The following is information concerning [redacted]

1. [redacted]
2. Not applicable.
3. Not applicable.
4. [redacted] is not an [redacted]  
at this time. He has been a member of the [redacted]  
Alabama Citizens Council and can get into the East  
Birmingham Citizens Council at the present time.
5. [redacted] is considered trustworthy. He has furnished  
information concerning the U. S. Klans, Knights of the  
Ku Klux Klan for over three years. There was never any  
indication that any of his information was inaccurate.
6. No information in Birmingham files which might make  
contact with [redacted] inadvisable. He is currently  
carried as a Security Informant in the Birmingham Office.
7. It is recommended that [redacted] be contacted to ascer-  
tain whether or not he will discreetly furnish the  
information desired as set out in referenced Bureau  
letter.

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3 - Birmingham (105-232)  
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SAC, Birmingham (105-241)

CITIZENS COUNCILS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Rebulet to Atlanta, October 9, 1957, and Birmingham letters to Bureau dated October 22 and November 23, 1957.

The progress to date for the development of coverage in Citizens Councils in those areas where trouble might arise due to integration problems is as follows:

The Bureau has approved the use of [redacted] who is a member of the [redacted] Citizens Council. b7D

The Bureau has been requested to approve the use of [redacted] in connection with the North Birmingham Citizens Council. Background information has been submitted on [redacted] but, as yet, no information has been received concerning his service record check from the St. Louis Office. b6  
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[redacted] Alabama, has been under consideration for use in connection with Citizens Council activity at [redacted] however, he has recently advised SA [redacted] of the Birmingham Office that he plans to [redacted] Council after January 1, 1958. [redacted] has stated that membership in the Calera Council has dropped from 274 to around 25. Actually, the Citizens Council in Calera is not functioning at the present time. b6  
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[redacted] at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, has been considered in connection with the West Alabama Citizens Council at Tuscaloosa. SA PIERCE A. PRATT, who has handled [redacted] in the past in the security field has decided that [redacted] will not be satisfactory in this connection. Another individual will be selected for the Tuscaloosa area.

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[redacted] Alabama, [redacted]  
[redacted] the Decatur Citizens Council, has furnished  
information to this office concerning that council. The  
Bureau will be requested in the very near future to approve  
[redacted] as either a PSI in this matter or as a  
confidential source. It is believed that in some instances  
in connection with this program that inasmuch as these  
individuals will not be contacted as much as a regular  
security informant, it may be desirable to make them a  
confidential source rather than a PSI.

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[redacted] Bureau authority has been requested to approve  
in this connection.

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The Birmingham area appears to be a likely spot  
for integration trouble at this time due to the fact that  
Reverend F. L. SHUTTLESWORTH, an integration leader, has  
filed suit in Federal Court, Birmingham, to secure admit-  
tance of his daughter and other Negro children in the Bir-  
mingham schools, as the Bureau has been advised by separate  
communication.

This matter will continue to be followed and  
the Bureau kept advised.

12/20/1957

Memo: To SAC ( [redacted] )

From SA, [redacted]

Re: [redacted]

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[redacted] was contacted telephonically on 12/6/57 at which time he advised he has not [redacted] any further [redacted] of the Citizens Council at Calera, Ala. [redacted] stated there is no activity of this council at Calera to his knowledge. This was verified through contact with the [redacted] at Calera, Ala., on the same date.

[redacted] stated he has not received any further information as to Klan Activity in the Calera Area.

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[redacted] again stated that he does plan to ~~XXXXXX~~ [redacted] either of the two organizations at Calera Ala., but will continue to furnish any information coming to his attention to the the Bureau on a confidential basis.

[redacted] does not want to be contacted at the Alabama [redacted] at Calera, and stated the best time he should be contacted is on a Thursday Afternoon, when he can arrange to meet with an agent and discuss any phase of activity in Calera, that he is aware of.

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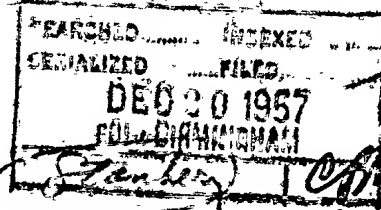
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It is suggested that the PSI File on [redacted] be closed, and that [redacted] be carried as a confidential source, for possible information at to any Citizens Council activity in the Calera Area.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SA's [REDACTED]

(105-241)

DATE: 12-31-57

FROM : SAC

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SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

The Bureau has said in view of the Attorney General's desires, the Birmingham Office has been instructed to institute immediately a program for development of coverage concerning the possibility of violence or interference with Federal Court orders on the part of Citizens Councils. The Bureau stated on October 9, 1957, that it was not desired that informants or sources be developed in each and every Citizens Council, but efforts should be made to develop informants in Citizens Councils in areas where there may be integration trouble. The Bureau pointed out that efforts should be most circumspect. The Bureau said, "No unnecessary risk should be taken in this matter which might have any adverse effect upon the Bureau or which might cause the Bureau any embarrassment. No person should be considered in connection with this matter unless he is completely trustworthy. No person should be contacted until Bureau authority is obtained." The Bureau said the field could recruit and develop informants--both Security and Criminal--who might become members of Citizens Council organizations; panel sources could be utilized.

It is not believed that there has been any serious integration trouble in the Anniston, Huntsville or Florence Resident Agencies; however, it is recalled that some of ASA CARTER's close friends from Anniston helped attack NAT "KING" COLE at the Municipal Auditorium in Birmingham.

You are requested to give consideration to the situation in your territory as concerns the possibility of any Citizens Council or any of its members committing violence or interfering with Federal Court orders or injunctions in connection with the possible integration of public schools.

Please advise if you know of any schools in your territory where integration is being considered. The

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1 - Anniston RA [REDACTED] (Encl-1) RM

1 - Gadsden RA [REDACTED] (Encl-1) RM

1 - Florence RA [REDACTED] (Encl-1) RM

1 - Huntsville RA [REDACTED] (Encl-1) RM

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Bureau pointed out the situation at Little Rock, Arkansas and Attorney General said in view of the Little Rock situation and the fact that a number of the principal disturbers of the peace there were members of the Citizens Councils, he believed that this Bureau should take steps to obtain the necessary coverage, including informants, in Citizens Councils, but should exercise such coverage with the utmost discretion.

After considering this matter as relates to your territory, please advise whether or not you feel you have adequate informant coverage of the situation whereby we could advise the Bureau in advance of potential violence or trouble as mentioned above, or whether you should develop a good source of information in certain Citizens Councils or request Bureau authority to utilize one or more of your established confidential informants, either Criminal or Security.

When the original communication was received from the Bureau in October, it was felt at that time that there was no pressing integration problem in the Anniston, Florence, or Huntsville Resident Agencies. The Bulet was discretionary as to what Citizens Councils should be considered in the light of possible violence, etc; however, your comments are desired at this time to bring the picture up-to-date.

Attached hereto are the pertinent facts from the Bureau's letter to Atlanta dated October 9, 1957, which includes the seven items of information to be submitted to the Bureau requesting authority to contact individuals under this program.



On October 9, 1957, the Bureau, in a letter to Atlanta and other offices, made reference to Bulet dated December 13, 1956, in the case entitled "Citizens Councils; IS - X." This Bulet of December 18th instructed that all inquiries concerning citizens councils be discontinued immediately. The Bureau mentioned the situation at Little Rock, Arkansas, and pointed out that the Attorney General said that a number of the principal disturbers of the peace there were members of citizens councils. He desires the Bureau to take steps to obtain the necessary coverage, including informants in citizens councils, but should exercise utmost discretion. The Bureau pointed out that we are not investigating citizens councils and have no interest in the actions of citizens councils as such; that the Bureau's sole interest is the gathering of intelligence in advance of possible violence or interference with Federal court orders or injunctions and the gathering of information which will permit development of witnesses in event such violence or interference takes place.

The Bureau said in view of the Attorney General's desires, the Birmingham Office is instructed to institute immediately a program for development of coverage which will accomplish above aims in citizens councils in those areas where trouble may arise due to integration problems. The Bureau states we should bear in mind the recruitment of proven informants in both the security and criminal fields who could become members of these organizations.

It is not desired that informants be developed in each and every citizens council, but the Bureau states it is imperative that efforts be made to develop informants in citizens councils in areas where there may be integration trouble. Efforts should be most circumspect. "No unnecessary risk should be taken in this matter which might have any adverse effect upon the Bureau or which might cause the Bureau any embarrassment. No person should be considered in connection with this matter unless he is completely trustworthy. No person should be contacted until Bureau authority is obtained." Bulet states we should advise all persons contacted that the Bureau is not interested in activities of citizens councils as such, but is interested only in such information indicating violence on the part of such councils or their members, etc.

Request for Bureau authority to contact individuals under this program should be submitted under individual council captions and should include the following information:

- (1) Full name of individual
- (2) Residence address
- (3) Occupation and business address
- (4) Statement whether individual is an officer and/or member of the council. If not an officer or member, a statement as to the individual's being in a position to furnish information.
- (5) A statement as to individual's trustworthiness, including statement if individual has furnished information to this office in the past, if such information was determined to be accurate and a brief resume of matters concerning which he has furnished information.
- (6) Any information in the files of our office which might make contact inadvisable.
- (7) Your recommendation.

A separate letter should be submitted on each individual request.

"The above instructions in no way rescind the instructions set forth in reBulet concerning active inquiries of citizens councils. No active inquiries should be conducted concerning such councils."

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (105-241)

DATE: January 3, 1957

FROM : SA Glenn H. Hearn

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS  
INTERNAL SECURITY -X

Reurmemo as above captioned dated 12/31/57.

To date there has been no indication of captioned type activity within the Huntsville RA. Also to date there has been no indication that any of the schools within the Huntsville RA plan to inter~~te~~grate. It is felt sufficient coverage is in effect that the Bureau can be advised in advance re activity of captioned group or any violence relating to any future plans to ~~inter~~grate the schools in the Huntsville RA.

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Memo to: SAC ( [redacted] )

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From : SA, [redacted]

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Re: [redacted]

SOURCE of Information

[redacted] advised the writer on 1/2/1958 at the Alabama [redacted] Calera, Ala., that the Citizens Council pretended to meet at the City Hall in Calera. He stated that JOE BIRCHAM is the head of this Council, and that this Council is supposed to have a meeting in January to elect new officers. [redacted] stated that all of the good citizens had already dropped out of this organization, and that [redacted] to [redacted] stated however that [redacted] the meeting in January 1958, if one is held, [redacted] and the identity of any officers elected.

[redacted] stated that he has not developed any specific information as to Klan Activity in Calera, Ala. He stated they do not meet at the school, and stated the only place they might get to-gether is at PEARL ADAMS CAFE in Calera, Ala. He stated that he understands the Klan meets at this cafe on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday Nights of each month. [redacted] named [redacted] and [redacted] as Klan members, adding both were trouble makers. [redacted]

was of the opinion that the Klan members drove a 1957 light blue plymouth, adding he had seen different ones driving this car, but [redacted] did not know to whom the car belonged, or the license number on it. [redacted] named [redacted] (LNU), who works for the [redacted] as a Klan Member, as well as [redacted] who does carpentry work in and around Calera, Ala. [redacted] was of the opinion that [redacted] of near Alabaster, Ala., was actually the head of the Klan Activity in Calera, Ala.

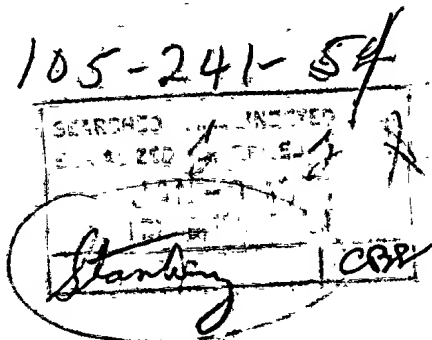
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[redacted] stated he has not heard of any activity of this group, such as beating anyone, or burning any crosses. He felt they were associated with [redacted] has stated that he would never associate with anyone who hangs out at Pearl Adams Cafe, and would not consider joining the Klan. [redacted] stated he can be recontacted as to the Citizens Council, but stated, he will [redacted] of this group after the Jan. Meeting.

It will be noted, that [redacted] has a complex that he is being watched, or followed when, or after being contacted by agents, and he does not desire to be contacted directly at the [redacted] and stated the best day that he can be contacted is on Thursday Afternoons, since his immediate superior is off on this afternoon.

The writer will recontact [redacted] in an effort to determine if the Citizens Council is still in existence at Calera, Ala.

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cc: 105- 464  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Birmingham (105-241)

DATE: January 3, 1958

✓ FROM : Director, FBI (105-34237-4)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reurlet dated December 21, 1957.

Inasmuch as the Birmingham area appears to be a likely spot for integration trouble as pointed out in referenced letter you should promptly intensify efforts to obtain coverage in citizens councils in Birmingham and the immediate vicinity. Your coverage should be such that you can assure the Bureau that informants and sources are in a position to report in advance on any possible violence or violations of laws within the Bureau's jurisdiction in which the citizens councils might engage. Until such assurance can be given your coverage is insufficient.

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Alabama Press Conference—

## Citizens Councils' chief to be quizzed on plans

Will Macon County, in Alabama's Black Belt, be carved up and reduced in size, or abolished altogether?

What kind of questions will the Citizens Councils of Alabama come up with this time to fire at candidates for public and party office?

Will they be asked to "here and now deny the Negro vote," as they were in 1956?

Will they be asked to submit a list of financial contributors to their campaigns to the Citizens Councils?

Answers to these and dozens of other questions will be sought from State Sen. Sam Engelhardt Jr. of Macon, executive secretary of the Citizens



ENGELHART

Councils of Alabama, when he appears as special guest on "Alabama Press Conference" at 12:30 p.m., Sunday, over WABT (Channel 13).

These public information programs are sponsored by The Birmingham News and Stations WABT and WAPI.

Questioning Sen. Engelhardt will be Fred Taylor, Birmingham News political writer and regular panelist; and Leroy Simms, chief Associated Press correspondent in Alabama. Charlie Davis, WABT-WAPI news editor, will be moderator.

This program will be rebroadcast at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, over WAPI.

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# Alabama Seen Is Outdoing Little Rock

Engelhardt Expects  
Outbreaks To Follow  
Any Mixing Order

BY IVAN SWIFT

State Sen. Sam Engelhardt Jr. told a radio and television audience yesterday if school integration is ordered in Alabama he thinks it will make Little Rock look like a garden party.

The executive secretary of the Citizens Councils of Alabama, taking over Stations WABT and WAPI on Alabama Press conference, told interviewers that Taylor of The Birmingham News and Leroy Simms, Associated Press Alabama correspondent, there are "more school districts in the South than Army divisions."

Engelhardt, who claims about 60,000 members in his segregation organization, said the councils haven't as many members as they had 18 months ago, "but the enthusiasm still is there."

He said the 60,000 membership figure is a guess because membership drives have been completed in only 12 counties by the state-wide organization. Engelhardt didn't disclose his personal political plans under heavy questioning from Taylor



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THAN DIVISIONS** — Sen. Sam Engelhardt Jr.

about them but he did say the councils "will not back or fight any particular candidate."

The Macon senator said the questionnaire the councils plan to send every candidate will ask questioning similar to the 1954 query sheet, and he mentioned two of them approximately as:

1. WILL THE CANDIDATE deny the Negro vote?

2. WILL THE CANDIDATE submit a list of financial contributors to his campaign?

He told Simms in answer to a question, the publication of the answers will be the councils' way of informing Alabama voters about candidates.

Engelhardt himself is not expected to be a candidate for the office he now holds because the post is shifted customarily between Macon and Bullock Counties. Both counties make up the 26th District.

Engelhardt said the present political condition is a "state of confusion" so far as who is going to qualify and run for office is concerned.

He told the interviewers recommendations about the disposition of Macon County now under study, after an affirmative vote Dec. 17, partly depends on the action of the Presidential Civil Rights Commission.

Engelhardt said he "feels See ENGELHARDT, Page 1

## Engelhardt

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sure they (the commission) will come here" and he said he "hopes we will be ready when they come into the state."

On other issues, Engelhardt said:

He doesn't think the state can take over Tuskegee Institute, a private school, but consideration should be given to transferring schools contracted to Tuskegee, such as engineering, to state Negro schools.

Tuskegee merchants will "withstand" the boycott now going on, which followed the gerrymandering of Negro voters out of the city. Boycotts are "a two-edged sword" and "the NAACP and Tuskegee Civic Assn. will rue the day they started the boycott."

Additional school appropriations are needed, "especially in the case of Auburn."

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have fewer members than they had 18 months ago, he said. "But the enthusiasm is still there," he added.

Regarding any use of federal troops to force school integration in Alabama, the Macon senator declared, "We have more school districts than they (the Negroes) have divisions."

Engelhardt, sponsor of the bill passed by the Legislature gerrymandering the City of Tuskegee to remove from its corporate limits most of the Negro voters, said he would not be willing to change that.

"AND I THINK Tuskegee's white citizens will be able to withstand the Negro boycott of merchants," he added.

He explained the citizens are building their economy with merchants cutting down inventories, which he said formerly were large.

"The NAACP and Tuskegee Civic Assn. (Negro organization) will rue the day they started the boycott," predicted Engelhardt. "This is a two-edged sword."

HE EXPLAINED the white people there could resort to a boycott, too.

Engelhardt, who earlier had advocated that the state take over Tuskegee Institute, said he is decided against introducing a bill in the Legislature to do this.

"But I think it would be wise to transfer some of its functions to other schools, such as sending engineering and veterinary medicine schools to the Negro College at Huntsville," he said.

Engelhardt, who said he had voted for state appropriations for Tuskegee Institute, favors continuing these appropriations.

Engelhardt, whose Citizens Councils organization has completed membership drives in 12 counties, said questionnaires could be sent candidates for governor, Legislature and other public and party offices.

HE SAID queries would be substantially the same, although worded a little differently, as those fired at public and party office aspirants two years ago. Among the questions, he said, could be:

Will candidates "solicit the Negro vote?"

"Will they 'deny the Negro vote?'"

Will candidates be willing to submit to the Citizens Councils group a list of financial contributors and amounts of contributions?

ENGELHARDT SAID he does not see any need for a special session. And he added that his support of the Folsom administration's \$20 million road bond proposal would depend on whether "it could be tied down so the money could be used only for federal matching."

Engelhardt, who met today at Montgomery with legislators representing counties surrounding Macon to consider a course of action, said "a lot of our decision depends on action of the Civil Rights Commission."

HE SAID he is "perfectly willing"

for proposals changing Macon's boundaries "to annex portions of it to adjoining counties to be submitted to voters of all counties concerned, before any final legislative action is taken."

"But if it takes abolition of Macon County to preserve the status quo, then I'm ready for it," he said.

Questioning Engelhardt were Leroy Simms, chief Associated Press Correspondent in Alabama, and this reporter. Charlie Davis was moderator.



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (105-241)

DATE: 1/6/58

FROM : SA b6  
b7CSUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reurmemo dated 12/31/57.

During the calender year 1957 there has been no signs of any meetings or any activity whatsoever of Citizens Councils meetings in the four counties covered by the Anniston Resident Agency.

To da te there has been no incident of efforts on the part of NAACP or other groups to integrate any of the white schools in the four counties covered by the Anniston RA.

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Alabama Press Conference—

## Rights body may hold key to Macon division

BY FRED TAYLOR  
News staff writer

Carving up or outright abolition of heavily Negro populated Macon County will hinge largely on what action is taken by the Civil Rights Commission recently appointed by President Eisenhower.

State Sen. Sam Engelhardt Jr. of Macon, author and chief sponsor of the recently adopted constitutional amendment authorizing abolition of that county, said citizens of Macon and six surrounding counties would be given an opportunity to vote again on what is to be done.

U. S. Sen. John Sparkman defended the action on Macon County in a national (ABC network) television appearance Sunday, declaring that each state has the right to determine its own internal affairs.

SPARKMAN POINTED OUT that Alabama has been re-districted "perhaps two dozen times" since it became a state. Asked how he felt the action would be viewed by the rest of the world, the Alabama senator replied, "I don't know that."

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the world will even be interested in that."

ENGELHARDT, executive secretary of Citizens Councils of Alabama and one of the state's strongest segregationists, declared that attempts to force school integration in Alabama "will make Little Rock look like a garden party."

The Macon senator has a bill ready to tighten voter qualifications and to give more protection to county boards of registrars. If Gov. James E. Folsom calls a special session of the Legislature.

Engelhardt declined to say whether he would run for governor or lieutenant governor in the upcoming Democratic primary election, as has been reported from time to time.

BUT HE DECLARED that the Citizens Councils "will not back or fight any particular candidate."

Asked if an estimated 60,000 members of this statewide organization would support him if he does seek state office, Engelhardt replied: "I would hope so."

He made these and other declarations on Sunday's WABT-WAPI "Alabama Press Conference" sponsored by The Birmingham News and the two stations.

Engelhardt, who estimated that his organization has 60,000 members, said membership spurted after President Eisenhower sent federal troops to Little Rock with about 5,000 more asking to join.

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Director, FBI (105-40001)

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SAC, Birmingham (105-200)

CITIZENS COUNCIL OF WEST ALABAMA  
TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Rebulet to Atlanta dated October 9, 1957, in the  
case entitled "Citizens Councils, Internal Security - X."

The following information is set forth regarding

[redacted]

1. [redacted]
2. Not applicable.
3. Not applicable.

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4. [redacted] is a [redacted] the CITIZENS COUNCIL  
OF [redacted]

5. Informant has furnished reliable information  
in the past and is believed to be trustworthy. He has  
furnished information regarding Klan activity in Tuscaloosa,  
Alabama, and in Alabama.

6. There is no information in the files of this  
office which would make it inadvisable to contact informant  
regarding Citizens Councils.

7. It is, therefore, recommended that informant  
be utilized in obtaining information regarding the CITIZENS  
COUNCIL OF WEST ALABAMA, in accordance with instructions  
set forth in referenced Bureau letter.

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Director, FBI (105-44731)

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SAC, Birmingham (105-232)

CITIZENS COUNCIL OF EAST BIRMINGHAM,  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Rebulet to Birmingham dated December 23, 1957, and  
nylot to Bureau, December 18, 1957.

Informant was contacted on January 8, 1953, and  
advised of the Bureau's position with regard to Citizens  
Councils; that the Bureau has no interest in legitimate  
activities of these organizations, but is interested in  
violations of laws over which the Bureau has jurisdiction,  
particularly civil rights violations and any potential for  
violence. Informant advised that he was [redacted]

[redacted] Citizens Council and that for some time  
he has been planning to join the Citizens Council of East  
Birmingham, because the meeting place [redacted]

[redacted] Informant said he would be glad to cooperate with  
this Bureau concerning this matter.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Miami, Florida  
January 10, 1958

MEMORANDUM

Re: CITIZENS COUNCILS

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past reported, on December 26, 1957, that [redacted] of Orlando, Florida is a member of the Florida Ku Klux Klan and also a [redacted] for the Citizens Councils of Florida.

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[redacted] attended a meeting of the State Organization of Citizens Councils in Tallahassee, Florida about December 8, 1957. During this meeting, [redacted] made a speech and a motion that [redacted] of Daytona Beach and/or [redacted] Florida be appointed to travel about the State of Florida and collect money from people sympathetic toward the cause. [redacted] would retain forty percent to pay his salary and expenses. This motion carried at the meeting; however, before [redacted] can perform his duties, he must have authority from Charles Creal, State Treasurer of the State Organization of Citizens Councils and also President of the Citizens Bank of Bunnell, Florida. Creal has stated he will not consent to this arrangement.

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[redacted] has also stated that Governor Thurman of South Carolina is now being considered as the nominee of the States Rights Party. Thurman's nomination will depend upon what strength he gains in Committees of the Democrat Party at the time of the next National Convention.

[redacted] indicated that plans are being made to have Governor Faubus of Arkansas, Governor Talmadge of Georgia and an unidentified Atlanta newspaper editor and Governor Thurman to appear separately before the various Citizens Councils of Florida for the purpose of determining the membership's feeling toward support of a Third Party and/or a States Rights candidate.

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This source also learned that Bob Patterson, Executive Secretary, Association of Citizens Councils, from Mississippi, is the one who dictates and/or sanctions all policies of the Councils.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237)

1/10/58

TO :

DATE:

SAC, MIAMI (100-13407)

FROM :

CITIZENS COUNCILS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

SUBJECT:

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is the original and eight copies of a memorandum of information concerning the above groups. One copy of this memorandum is designated for each office receiving a copy of this letter.

The source of this information is [redacted] who furnished the information orally to Special Agent FRED E. GORDON.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Atlanta

FROM : Director, FBI (105-34237)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

DATE:

January 13, 1958

ReBulet 10-9-57 captioned as above instituting a program for the development of coverage in citizens councils.

Until such time as a community is actually faced with immediate integration, it cannot be determined with any degree of certainty exactly what action citizens councils in that area will take.

When desegregation attempts become a reality in a community each council in that area must decide whether or not to comply with existing court orders. If the decision is to resist, the Bureau must be in a position to know if acts of violence are contemplated or if plans are being made for action violative of laws within the Bureau's jurisdiction, particularly relating to civil rights. Identities of individuals responsible for such action must also be known.

The program for development of coverage in citizens councils was instituted for the above-stated reasons only. The Bureau is not interested in legitimate activities of any of these groups. This fact should be impressed upon those individuals contacted and should be kept in mind by personnel of your office who are involved.

Efforts to obtain coverage in councils should be continued until such time as you can assure the Bureau that you have sources in a position to supply, when it becomes necessary to do so, information the Bureau must have.

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2 - Houston	2 - Newark	2 - San Antonio
2 - Kansas City	2 - New Haven	2 - Savannah
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Send to all R/A's - [redacted]

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Letter to Atlanta  
Re: Citizens Councils  
105-34237

In this regard numerous requests are being received for authority to contact police officers. Unless these officers are actually council members who will be aware of decisions made and action contemplated after councils have decided to resist compliance with court orders relating to integration, they will not be in a position to furnish needed data. Therefore, they should not be considered as part of your coverage. This should not be considered as denial of authority to contact law enforcement officers concerning councils. As in the past where it is believed necessary to contact police officers Bureau authority should be requested.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC 105-241

DATE: 1/17/58

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS  
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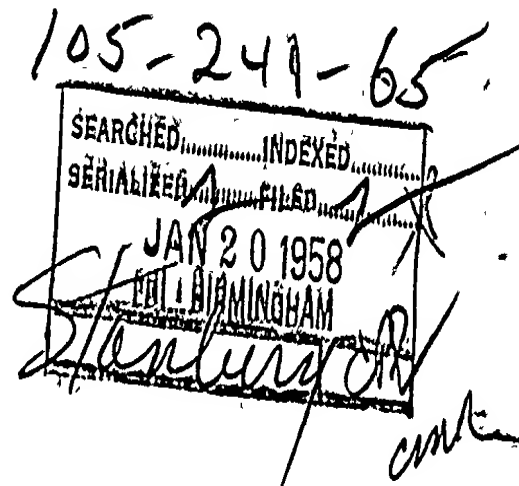
Reurmemo 12/31/57: "The only known indication that any schools in the Florence RA might be integrated is that contained in the memo of SA JAMES L. PUGH dated 1/2/58 in the file entitled RACON, (100-3080). You will note in the memo for that file dictated by SA [REDACTED] that [REDACTED], Atty. and member of the School Board in Tuscumbia was of the opinion that there would be no integration effort made in Colbert county. He was of the opinion the information contained in the RACON file was of political origin and did not represent an integration effort on the part of the "Alabama Improvement Assn." or any other group.

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There are no known CITIZENS COUNCILS in the Florence RA. Any further information relating to this matter which comes to the attention of SA [REDACTED] or SA [REDACTED] will be reported.

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SAC, Birmingham (105-241)

**CITIZENS COUNCILS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X**

Rebulet January 3, 1953, and January 13, 1953,  
captioned as above, instituting a program for the de-  
velopment of coverage in Citizens Councils, and nylet  
December 21, 1957.

During the past 30 days Bureau authority has  
been requested to utilize [redacted] regarding the Citizens  
Council of West Alabama. Similar authority was requested  
on January 10, 1953, concerning [redacted]  
[redacted] Citizens Council, Inc. On December 26, 1957,  
Bureau authority was requested to utilize [redacted]  
[redacted] in connection with Eastern Section Citizens Council.  
[redacted] has been approved in connection with the Enslay  
Citizens Council.

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On November 16, 1957, Bureau authority was re-  
quested to utilize services of [redacted] in the Citizens  
Council of North Birmingham. On November 22, 1957, the  
Bureau instructed that more background be obtained. On  
December 9, 1957, Bureau was furnished with further infor-  
mation and St. Louis was requested to furnish [redacted]  
[redacted] The Birmingham Office is waiting on the [redacted]  
[redacted] before Bureau authority can again be requested to  
utilize this individual.

[redacted]  
of the Citizens Council of East Birmingham since Bureau  
authority was given to utilize him. LAURIE BATTLE, candidate  
for Governor of Alabama, spoke to the group in the interest  
of his candidacy.

Rebulet January 3, 1953, points out that efforts  
should promptly be made in the Birmingham area to intensify  
coverage. This is to advise that the Birmingham Office  
feels that where integration efforts are being focused on  
a white school, trouble may well occur there. Our attempted

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placement of coverage will be with this principal thought in mind. The Phillips High School and Graymont Elementary School are the two schools in Birmingham which will be integrated if the Federal Court rules in favor of a petition filed by Reverend F. L. SHUTTLESWORTH, an integration leader. In addition, efforts will be made to place informants in other potentially dangerous spots.

# FBI RADIOGRAM

DIRECTOR, & SACS BIRMINGHAM, MOBILE,  
TO: CHARLOTTE AND SAVANNAH  
FROM: SAC LOUISVILLE

DATE: 1-24-58

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CITIZENS COUNCILS IS-C (BUFILE 105-34237). [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LOUISVILLE, AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LOUISVILLE, ON JANUARY 23 LAST, ADVISED THAT

[REDACTED] LOUISVILLE, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED [REDACTED]

THAT A CITIZENS COUNCIL MEETING, QUOTE THE BIGGEST THING IN THE  
SEGREGATION MOVEMENT END QUOTE, WOULD BE HELD IN LOUISVILLE, FEBRUARY  
1 NEXT; [REDACTED] AS SPEAKERS ADMIRAL JOHN CROMMELIN, ALABAMA  
SEGREGATIONIST AND REV. JAMES COLE, MARION, SOUTH CAROLINA, BOTH OF  
WHOM HE SAYS HAVE ACCEPTED. [REDACTED] SAID PURPOSE OF MEETING IS TO  
ESTABLISH A DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AMONG SEGREGATIONISTS AND THAT  
REPRESENTATIVES OF SEGREGATION MOVEMENT IN 15 STATES WILL ATTEND.  
TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING NOT YET SET. MILLARD DEE GRUBBS IS  
PERMANENT CHAIRMAN OF CITIZENS COUNCILS OF KENTUCKY, LONG ENGAGED IN  
ANTI-SEMITIC, ANTI NEGRO ACTIVITY. CROMMELIN IDENTIFIED BY

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[REDACTED] AS ADMIRAL WHO WAS FURLOUGHED FROM NAVY IN 1950 AFTER  
REFUSING TO SUPPRESS HIS VIEWS AGAINST UNIFICATION OF ARMED SERVICES  
WHO HAS SINCE TURNED NO SEGREGATION. COLE IDENTIFIED AS 33 YEAR OLD

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# FBI RADIOGRAM

TO: \_\_\_\_\_  
FROM: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SOUTHERN FREE WILL BAPTIST PREACHER WHO IS UNDER INDICTMENT AT LUMBERTON N C., FOR INCITING A RIOT IN CONNECTION WITH RECENT KKK-INDIAN TROUBLE THERE. BUREAU, BIRMINGHAM, MOBILE REQUESTED TO FURNISH AVAILABLE BACKGROUND INFORMATION CONCERNING CROMMELIN, CHARLOTTE AND SAVANNAH CONCERNING COLE, PARTICULARLY ANY PUBLIC SOURCE MATERIAL WHICH MAY BE FURNISHED TO [ ] AND PHOTOGRAPHS IF AVAILABLE. PLEASE SEND VIA AIRTEL AMSD JANUARY 24 INSTANT.

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[ ] HAS INDICATED THAT IF MEETING MATERIALIZES HE WILL HAVE IT COVERED BY POLICE IN PLAIN CLOTHES BUT IS SEARCHING FOR LEGAL MEANS TO PREVENT THE MEETING. INFORMATION IN THIS COMMUNICATION WILL BE FURNISHED TO OFFICES RECEIVING BUREAU COMMUNICATIONS IN CITIZENS COUNCILS MATTERS BY AIRTEL, WITH REQUEST THAT INFORMATION RE PROPOSED MEETING BE FURNISHED BUREAU AND LOUISVILLE.

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AIR MAIL

AIRTEL

TO : SAC, Louisville  
FROM: SAC, Birmingham (105-241)  
RE : CITIZENS COUNCILS  
IS - X

Re Louisville radiogram to Bureau 1-24-53.

JOHN CROMMELIN, retired Rear Admiral of U. S. Navy, has been associated with segregation leaders including JOHN KASPER within past two years. Birmingham has no source material on him. He has run for public office in Alabama since retiring from Navy, but has not been elected. No indication CROMMELIN has ever resided in Birmingham territory. Has lived near Wetumpka in Mobile territory recently.

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*[Signature]*

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Director, FBI (105-34237-4)

2-24-53

SAC, Birmingham (105-241)

**CITIZENS COUNCILS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X**

Rebuletts January 3, 1953, and January 13, 1953, captioned as above, instituting a program for the development of coverage in Citizens Councils, and nylet dated December 21, 1957.

On February 5, 1953, the Bureau authorized utilizing services of [redacted] in connection with the CITIZENS COUNCIL OF NORTH BIRMINGHAM. Birmingham now has sources of information in CITIZENS COUNCIL OF TUSCALOOSA, DESSIER CITIZENS COUNCIL, CITIZENS COUNCIL OF EAST BIRMINGHAM, and CITIZENS COUNCIL OF NORTH BIRMINGHAM. It is believed that these are strategic localities as far as integration is concerned.

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At the meeting of the NORTH BIRMINGHAM CITIZENS COUNCIL on February 12, 1953, ROBERT GAFFORD, President, and GEORGE L. LANE, Secretary-Treasurer, supervised the preparation of a large scroll containing the signatures of Alabamians favoring segregation and who are opposed to integration. This scroll is being put together with Scotch tape and contains the names of thousands of Alabama citizens and when completed, will be a rather large document. Upon its completion, the Council is considering asking Senator JOHN SPARKMAN of Alabama, or some other representative in the U. S. Congress to present this scroll to President EISENHOWER.

On January 13, 1953, [redacted] advised that the CITIZENS COUNCIL OF WEST ALABAMA has broken up, but GENE J. WALLACE, a director of this group, plans to reorganize it. [redacted] said that [redacted] a former leader of the WEST ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL is now in Texas and is trying to help direct activities of this council from Texas. WALLACE is opposed to this and stated that [redacted] could not operate a Tuscaloosa organization from Texas. [redacted] advised that according to GENE WALLACE, there is no WEST ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL in operation at this time.

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The EAST BIRMINGHAM CITIZENS COUNCIL was to have met on February 21, 1958, at the Thomas Jefferson Hotel to listen to an address by Judge GEORGE WALLACE, candidate for Governor of Alabama in the May 1958 primaries. [redacted] has not yet reported on this meeting.

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This matter is being given constant consideration in line with the Bureau's desires set forth in Bulet to Atlanta dated October 9, 1957.

Director, FBI (105-34237-4)

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SAC, Birmingham (105-241)

**CITIZENS COUNCILS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X**

Rebuletts January 3, 1953, and January 13, 1953, captioned as above, instituting a program for the development of coverage in Citizens Councils, and mylet dated February 24, 1953.

There has been no change in the informant coverage in Citizens Councils since relet of February 24, 1953, was submitted.

There has been no significant activity in the various Citizens Councils in the past 30 days.

According to  if the panel of Federal Judges renders a decision in favor of integration on April 3, 1953, in the Shuttleworth Case, there will be increased activity in the Citizens Councils. Birmingham will follow this situation through informants and the Bureau will be advised.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: 3/28/58

FROM :

SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT:

CITIZENS COUNCILS

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~~44-1119~~ JRI-8362

On 3/27/58 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Alabama, telephone TRemont 1-8632, telephonically  
contacted SA [REDACTED] advised that she  
is the [REDACTED] and that  
she had on that date received some literature from the  
Tarrant Educators Citizens Council. She said that among  
this literature was a notice that there was to be a rally  
at the Ensley Community House at 7:30 P.M., Friday, March 14,  
1958. She stated that in addition to this notice there was  
considerable literature concerning the segregation issue  
most of which she considered extremely inflammatory and  
opposed to the best interests of the United States.

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[REDACTED] inquired as to whether the Bureau was  
interested in and investigated this type of activity inasmuch  
as she considered it unAmerican.

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[REDACTED] was advised that the Bureau did not  
investigate the Citizens Councils as such but in the event  
they participated in any actions that constituted violations  
of Federal Laws that they would at that time be investigated  
by the FBI. She was also advised that the FBI was interested  
in any activity that was against the best interests of the  
United States and that an Agent would call on her in the near  
future and pick up this literature.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

300 American Life Building  
Birmingham 3, Alabama  
April 10, 1958

*J.R.C.*

ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCILS

On April 1, 1958, Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1, with whom contact has been insufficient to determine his reliability, furnished a leaflet captioned "Reds to Back NAACP." This leaflet praises the American Legion and its publication, "The Firing Line". It mentions that this publication, "The Firing Line," brings facts before the public's attention that newspapers often overlook or do not receive. The leaflet cites the issue of March 15th and states this issue contains interesting passages on relationship of the Communist Party of the United States to the many Communist front enterprises which play so vital a role in its attack on society. This leaflet indicates that the Communist Party intends to penetrate such "liberal-socialist" organizations as the NAACP (NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE).

Informant T-1 furnished a four-page leaflet allegedly published by the National Citizens Protective Association, 3154a South Grand or P. O. Box 156, St. Louis, Missouri. This four-page leaflet concerned Uniform Crime Reports of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was headed, "FBI Reveals Menace of Integration - Negro Crime Increases." An opening paragraph read:

"The following figures on negro crime were taken from the Annual Bulletin of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover, Director. The figures are based on 1,861,764 arrests in 1,477 cities and towns of more than 2,500 population comprising a total of 41,792,800 people. The figures are based on arrests made during 1955 of White and negroes and do not include Indians, Orientals, Filipinos and non-White Mexicans. The FBI's numerical figures were broken down into percentages by the "White Sentinel."

It is noted that this four-page leaflet further identifies the "White Sentinel" as follows: "For further

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information on the menace of racial integration, read 'The White Sentinel' and the 'White American News Service' each month. Subscription rates are \$2.00 a year. The 'White American News Service' is sent free of charge to all 'White Sentinel' subscribers." Other topics in this leaflet are: "Arrests by Race, 1956, as Reported by The FBI;" "24% Increase in Negro Crime During 1956;" and "Negro Crime Explodes Racial Equality Myth."

T-1 also furnished a one-page leaflet allegedly published by the Association of Citizens Councils, 207 West Market Street, Greenwood, Mississippi, entitled "Venereal Disease Infections by State and Race". This leaflet sets forth the venereal disease infections according to white and Negro infections and the percentages. It also treats illegitimate births in various states in the same manner.

This is furnished for your information and should not be disseminated to unauthorized persons or agencies.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-45763)

DATE: 4-10-58

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-364)

SUBJECT: ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCILS  
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Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning certain leaflets allegedly distributed by the Tarrant Educational Citizens Council, 5341 - 57th Street North, Birmingham. These leaflets were received on April 1, 1958, by mail from [redacted] Alabama, who is Confidential Informant T-1 in instant letterhead memorandum.

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Enclosed also for the information of the Bureau is the leaflet received from this source entitled "FBI Reveals Menace of Integration."

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Atlanta

FROM : *JAB* Director, FBI (105-34237)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

DATE April 15, 1958

ReBulet October 9, 1957, instituting a program for development of coverage in citizens councils.

The Bureau again desires to emphasize the necessity for developing coverage in councils prior to the time racial difficulties may arise in order that we may discharge our responsibilities. Your consideration in this regard should not be confined to possible trouble due to integration in schools but should encompass the entire field of racial relations wherein councils could become involved.

Results of the program of developing coverage to date reveal that the offices receiving copies of this letter are utilizing a total of only 12 Klan informants and potential informants as sources in citizens councils. The same offices have approximately 125 informants and potential informants in Klan matters. Since Klans and citizens councils both favor segregation it would not be inconsistent for an individual to belong to both types of organizations.

In order to supplement present coverage in councils each office is instructed to review information available regarding all informants and Bureau approved potential informants now being used in connection with Klan organizations to determine which are suitable for membership in citizens councils. This determination will have to be made on an individual basis keeping in mind the background and character of the informant and weighing such information against the type of individuals who are members of the council on which the informant may be in a position to furnish information. //

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SAC, Atlanta  
Re: Citizens Councils  
105-34237

Furnish the Bureau by May 3, 1958, results of  
your determinations. Submit following information:

(1) Name or symbol number of informant and reasons why he should or should not be contacted relative to citizens councils. Sufficient data must be included for the Bureau to make a decision in each case.

(2) Name of council or councils with which informant with whom contact is recommended may become affiliated.

No informants are to be contacted without prior Bureau authority.



Director, FBI (103-34237-4)

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SAC, Birmingham (105-241)

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Rebulet January 3, 1953; January 13, 1953,  
captioned as above, instituting a program for the de-  
velopment of coverage in Citizens Councils, and mylet  
dated March 21, 1953.

There has been no change in the informant  
coverage in Citizens Councils since relet of March 21, 1953,  
was submitted. Nothing important has happened in the  
various Citizens Councils in the past 30 days.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Birmingham (105-241)

DATE: 4-23-58

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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The following information is submitted in response to the request set out in a routing slip from SAC Clarence M. Kelley to the writer, dated 4-21-58:

[REDACTED]

(1) A review of the file pertaining to [REDACTED] indicates that he has been cooperative in the past and has shown no signs of instability. The informant has been [REDACTED] local civic organizations in the past and is [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] in the Gadsden, Alabama area. On 4-11-58, the informant advised that he had [REDACTED] Gadsden, Alabama, and was now employed as an [REDACTED] for the [REDACTED] City of Gadsden, Gadsden, Alabama. The informant is also an [REDACTED]

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The informant has been contacted by the Birmingham office since a PSI case was opened on him as a result of his having voluntarily come to the Gadsden, Alabama RA office and advised that he was a [REDACTED] of the Ku Klux Klan and wanted to volunteer his services to supply information. Since that time the informant has refused to accept any money for his cooperation, stating that he was supplying information purely from patriotic motives. This case was opened on 7-1-56.

(2) It should be noted that the White Citizens Council, Gadsden, Alabama, according to available information, was disbanded approximately one year ago as a result of lack of interest on the part of its members, and has not been reorganized. During the period of its existence, it appeared to be composed of responsible members of the community who were in favor of supporting the maintenance of segregation through legal means.

It is believed that [REDACTED] would be suitable for membership in the White Citizens Council, Gadsden, Alabama, should it be reorganized.

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TO : SAC (105-241)

DATE: 4-28-58

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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b7CSUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS  
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Reur routing slip April 21, 1958.

1. [REDACTED] advised during his initial interview as a PSI that he was also [REDACTED] the Citizens Council of West Alabama. Although [REDACTED] has voluntarily agreed to assist the Birmingham Office in Klan matters and [REDACTED] Citizens Council in Tuscaloosa, in all probability, he would be able to furnish only information on the Council as a [REDACTED]. He [REDACTED] the Council and [REDACTED] the Council at the time it was an active group. It is believed he would willingly furnish information relating to any proposed violence or lawbreaking in connection with Council activity; however, as mentioned above, he would be able to furnish only information which was furnished to him by leaders of the council, at a mass meeting. It is not believed he would be in a position to furnish information as to proposed or planned activity of the Council.

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2. Concerning [REDACTED] who is presently under development as a PSI in matters relating to the Tuscaloosa Klavern of the KKK, it is believed that this individual, if he should become affiliated with the West Alabama Citizens Council, would be able to furnish information regarding any proposed activity. He is extremely cooperative and making every effort [REDACTED] with the Tuscaloosa Klavern of the Klan. This individual is genuinely interested in assisting this office in every way possible as he is opposed to any lawlessness or violence by any group.

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3. Concerning [REDACTED] this individual is presently under development as a PSI and is making

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every effort to [redacted] the Reform Klavern  
of the Klan. He is a [redacted] in  
Reform, which is in Pickens County, Alabama, and is  
an [redacted] in this community. He is  
[redacted] in the area  
and it is felt he would be in a position to furnish  
information concerning proposed plans of the Citizens  
Council of Pickens County, Alabama, as he would have  
contact with many of the leaders in this organization.  
[redacted] has been extremely cooperative and sincere in  
his desire to assist this office and it is believed  
he could be utilized in Citizens Council matters.

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Director, FBI (105-34237)

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SAC, Birmingham (105-241)

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Rebulet to Atlanta, April 15, 1958.

The following information is being submitted concerning SI's and PSI's in Klan matters with reference to their possible use in furnishing information concerning Citizens Councils:

[REDACTED]

This informant has been cooperative in the past and has shown no signs of instability. It should be noted that the White Citizens Council at Gadsden, Alabama, according to available information, was disbanded approximately one year ago as a result of lack of interest on the part of its members, and has not been reorganized. During the period of its existence, it appeared to be composed of responsible members of the community who were in favor of supporting the maintenance of segregation through legal means. It is believed that [REDACTED] would be suitable for membership in the Citizens Council at Gadsden should it be reorganized. It is not believed that [REDACTED] should be utilized at this time in connection with Citizens Council. b7D

Sylacauga, Alabama

It is noted that the Citizens Council at Sylacauga is dormant, according to available information. It is not believed necessary to have an informant in the dormant council at Sylacauga.

[REDACTED]

This informant has been furnishing good information concerning Klan activities at Bessemer, Alabama. [REDACTED] the Citizens Council b7D

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of Hueytown, [redacted] however, he states that the Council is not meeting regularly and that he has about all he can do to do his work and [redacted] Essomer Klan meetings. This informant would join the Hueytown Citizens Council and furnish reports concerning it; however, at the present time, it is not recommended that he be contacted relative to the Hueytown Citizens Council. b7D

[redacted]  
This informant is being utilized at present concerning the East Birmingham Citizens Council.

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This informant is presently being utilized concerning the North Birmingham Citizens Council. b7D

[redacted]  
This informant is being utilized concerning the Ensley Citizens Council.

[redacted]  
This informant has been inactive in reporting Klan matters in the past two or three months. He has been [redacted] the Klan and discontinued his relationship with this Bureau. Efforts are being made to reactivate him in the Tarrant City Klavern, and while it is believed he could join the Tarrant City Citizens Council it is not recommended at this time that he be approached in this regard. b7D

[redacted] PSI

[redacted] advised on the initial interview that he was [redacted] the Citizens Council of West Alabama. He would be able to furnish information on the council [redacted] He was [redacted] the Council and was [redacted] the time the Council was an active group. Inasmuch as [redacted] is b6 b7C b7D

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already approved to furnish information concerning the Citizens Council of Tuscaloosa, it is not believed necessary to contact [redacted] in this regard.

[redacted]

This individual is not a member of the West Alabama Citizens Council at Tuscaloosa, but would be able to furnish information regarding this organization merely by joining it. [redacted] is extremely cooperative and making every effort to [redacted] with the Tuscaloosa Klavern of the Klan. It is believed that his interest in becoming a member of the Klan might be increased by joining the West Alabama Citizens Council and receiving some remuneration for his efforts in this regard. Therefore, it is recommended that [redacted] be contacted to ascertain whether or not he would affiliate himself with the West Alabama Citizens Council.

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This individual is making every effort to [redacted] the Reform Klavern of the Klan. He is an [redacted] County. He is [redacted] with [redacted] in the area and it is felt he would be in a position to furnish information concerning proposed activity of the Citizens Council of Pickens County as he would have contact with many of the leaders in this organization. [redacted] has been extremely cooperative and sincere in his desire to assist this office and it is believed he could be utilized in Citizens Council matters. Bureau authority, therefore, is requested to contact [redacted] in regard to the Citizens Council of Pickens County.

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This informant has been [redacted] U. S. Klans. He is presently in the process of [redacted] Helena, Alabama Klavern of the Klan. He [redacted] and it is noted [redacted] is already reporting on the East Birmingham Citizens Council. For the above reasons, it is not recommended that [redacted] be contacted in regard to Citizens Councils at this time.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Birmingham (105-241)

DATE: May 14, 1958

FROM : Director, FBI (105-34237-4)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reurlet dated May 2, 1958, in which you set forth results of your determinations concerning having Klan informants and potential informants cover activities of citizens councils.

Bureau authority is granted to contact PSIs [redacted] concerning West Alabama Citizens Council and Citizens Council of Pickens County, respectively. During the contact with these PSIs it should be made clear to them that the Bureau is not interested in the legitimate activities of citizens councils but only in violations of laws within the Bureau's jurisdiction, particularly civil rights violations, or information concerning possible acts of violence.

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Furnish Bureau promptly results of your contact with [redacted]

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*Have memos to the 2 files prepared at once. In memo state to be handled by 6/5/58 + Bur. advised. Cmk*

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Rebuletts January 3, 1958; January 13, 1958, captioned as above, instituting a program for the development of coverage in Citizens Councils; mylot dated April 23, 1958, and mylot to Bureau, May 2, 1958.

There has been no change in the informant coverage in Citizens Councils since relet of April 23, 1958, however referenced letter of May 2, 1958, set forth tabulation of Klan informants being used in Citizens Councils and also the possibility of using two other individuals in this connection. The Bureau gave permission to contact PSI's [redacted] concerning the West Alabama Citizens Council and Citizens Council of Pickens County, respectively. This matter is being handled by the Birmingham Office and results will be submitted to the Bureau in the near future.

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On 6/3/58, [redacted] was contacted at [redacted] Ala., concerning the Citizens Council of Pickens County, at which time he advised he had never been a member of the Citizens Council group at Pickens County; however, [redacted] CHARLES QUARTLES, the present President of the FIRST STATE BANK of Carrollton, Ala., who had been an officer in this council. He stated that [redacted] a membership card to fill out and had requested him to join approximately two years ago. He said he had never filled out the card nor had he ever joined the council. He stated he did not believe QUARTLES was active in the council nor did he believe the Citizens Council was active in Pickens County at the present time.

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[redacted] advised he would furnish information concerning any illegitimate activities of the Citizens Council at Pickens County if they should ever become active in the near future.

It was pointed out during this contact that the Bureau is not interested in the legitimate activities of the Citizens Councils, but is interested only in the violation of laws within the Bureau's jurisdiction, in particular Civil Rights violations concerning possible acts of violence. [redacted] stated he was fully cognizant of this fact and that if any information should come to his attention regarding any proposed acts of violence by the Council, he would immediately contact the FBI.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :  
SAC, AtlantaDATE:  
June 10, 1958FROM :  
*JWA* Director, FBIPERSONAL ATTENTIONSUBJECT:  
CITIZENS COUNCILS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

ReBulet to Atlanta October 9, 1957, in which you were advised of the desire of the Attorney General that coverage be developed in citizens councils.

Recently an individual contacted under this program advised the press of the contact resulting in inquiries being received by the SAC and at the Seat of Government as to whether the Bureau is investigating integration in public schools. The individual contacted appeared to have been cooperative and had agreed to keep the contact confidential.

This incident clearly indicates the extremely delicate nature of this program, and the absolute necessity that every precaution be taken that contacts in the matter will not result in embarrassment to the Bureau.

Your attention is again directed to the provisions of reBulet October 9, 1957. It is mandatory that all contacts in this matter be handled in the circumspect manner outlined in reBulet, and that each SAC personally afford this matter the most careful supervision.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Atlanta

DATE: June 13, 1958

FROM: *JM* Director, FBI (105-34237)PERSONAL ATTENTIONSUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

ReBulet October 9, 1957, in which you were instructed to institute a program for the development of coverage in citizens councils and Bulet June 10, 1958.

As you were advised in Bulet June 10, 1958, an individual contacted under this program informed the press of the contact resulting in allegations being made that the Bureau is investigating integration in the public schools. The injudicious manner in which this contact was handled clearly indicates the inability of the field to implement this program successfully and without embarrassment to the Bureau. Therefore, I have no alternative but to discontinue the program and you are instructed to immediately discontinue all efforts to develop informant coverage in citizens councils upon receipt of this letter.

The discontinuance of this program in no way alters the Bureau's responsibility of keeping interested Government agencies and officials advised of actual or contemplated acts of violence in connection with the segregation issue; plans for action violative of laws within the Bureau's jurisdiction, particularly those relating to civil rights; and the identities of the individuals responsible for such actions. You have a continuing responsibility

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to insure that the Bureau is apprised of all such information. You must now, however, secure the desired information only through established sources, office contacts and close scrutiny of the public press. Informants who have already been developed in citizens councils are considered established sources and you are instructed to continue your contacts with such informants.

This matter must receive your close personal attention. I want it clearly understood that it is your personal responsibility to see to it that the Bureau will continue to be in a position to furnish pertinent information concerning potential violence and plans for action violative of laws within our jurisdiction to interested Government agencies.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Birmingham (105-241)

DATE: June 18, 1958

✓ FROM : Director, FBI (105-34237-4)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

ReBulet May 14, 1958, in which authority  
was granted for your office to contact PSIs [redacted]

Reference is also made to Bulet to Atlanta  
dated June 13, 1958, captioned as above, copies to  
your office, discontinuing the program for developing  
sources in citizens councils.

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In the event [redacted] have not  
already been contacted no contact should be made in  
line with instructions set forth in reBulet June 13,  
1958. In the event they have already been contacted  
sulet results immediately.

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*CB* SAC, Birmingham (105-241)

**CITIZENS COUNCILS  
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Rebulet to Atlanta, June 13, 1958, and Bulets  
to Birmingham May 14, 1958 and June 3, 1958, and Birmingham  
letter to Bureau, June 13, 1958, in the case entitled

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[redacted] was contacted on  
May 27, 1958, at which time the matter of Citizens Councils  
was discussed with him. [redacted] said he is not a member  
of the West Alabama Citizens Council, nor has he ever  
been a member of this council. He was advised that the  
Bureau is not interested in the legitimate activities  
of Citizens Councils, only in violations of laws within  
the Bureau's jurisdiction, and, in particular, civil rights  
violations concerning possible acts of violence. [redacted]  
said he must first join the Klan, in his opinion, and then  
he would join the Citizens Council in order to furnish  
information as to any possible acts of violence by this  
group. [redacted] said he plans to be initiated into the  
Klan sometime in June 1958.

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The Bureau's attention is invited to the above  
mentioned letter in the [redacted] case. On June 3,  
1958, [redacted] was contacted concerning the Citizens Council  
of Pickens County, at which time he advised he had never  
been a member of that group; however, [redacted]

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[redacted] CHARLES QUARLES, President of the First State Bank  
of Carrollton, Alabama, who has been an officer of this  
Council. He said QUARLES [redacted]  
[redacted] a membership application card, but that he has never  
filled out the card, nor joined the council. He said he  
does not believe QUARLES is active in the council, nor  
does he believe the Citizens Council is active in Pickens  
County at this time. [redacted] said he would furnish infor-  
mation concerning any illegal activities of the Citizens  
Council of Pickens County if this council should ever  
become active in the near future.

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Due to the information set forth in Dulot to Atlanta dated June 13, 1958, discontinuing the program for the development of coverage in Citizens Councils, the Birmingham Office will, of course, discontinue its monthly letter in this regard.

will continue to be utilized, if necessary, as sources in the Citizens Councils.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (105-241)

DATE: July 25, 1958. ✓

FROM : SA STANBERY

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS  
INTERNAL SECURITY-X.

Bulet of June 13, 1958 orders a discontinuance of developing informant coverage in citizens councils. Writer believes that this file should be closed.

REVIEWED AND CONSOLIDATED

10/12/64 BY *whp*

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